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It's Between Rheault & Cohen...



IN LEFT PHOTO: Don Rheault (far left) with supporters James Marmo and Ed Borgatti, Jr and campaign co-chairman Peter Clark. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Richard Cohen (center) with campaign committee member Jill Pavelcsyk and his dad, Phil. Rheault and Cohen will now square off in the November 2nd mayoral election. (See story and related photos on Page 2). Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

Retirement Party Held For Jack Devine...



ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH, a retirement party was held at Chez Josef in Agawam for long-time AAN photographer Jack Devine. IN LEFT PHOTO: Mayor Christopher Johnson served as the emcee for the event. IN CENTER PHOTO: Jack Devine, the guest of honor, arrived at Chez Josef by limousine. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Jack and his wife, Margaret. (See additional photos on Pages 14 and 15.)

Photos by Walt Steinmetz.

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- *Rheault, 2,010; Cohen, 1331;*
- *Thompson, 772; Kasparian, 60...*

Rheault Wins Primary

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

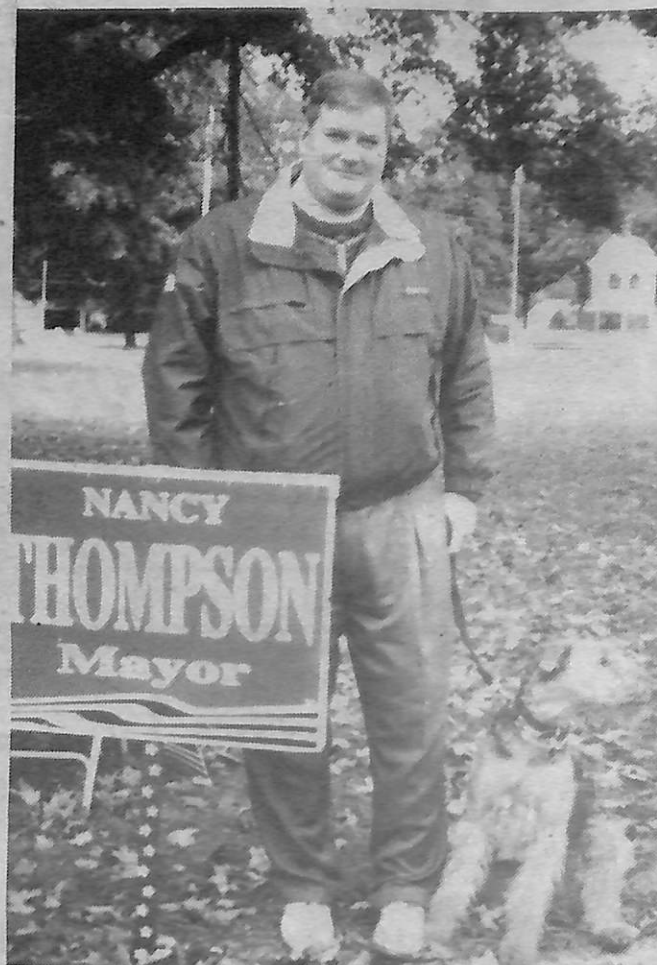
The total votes from all seven precincts of Agawam were tallied by 9:20 p.m. Tuesday night and posted by Town Clerk Richard Theroux. Voters chose Donald Rheault, current Town Council president (2,010 votes), and Richard Cohen (1,331), who entered the campaign just days before the deadline for filing nomination papers, to face off on November 2nd in a final bid for mayor of Agawam.

After announcing the results, Theroux stated, "The election went smoothly, with about a 25 percent turnout, meaning that of 16,977 registered voters, 4,173 actually cast their ballots today. Our workers worked hard and did a good job."

Rheault was top contender, carrying the highest number of votes in every precinct except Precinct 5. However, there was only a three-vote margin in Precinct 7, while the gap widened in the remaining precincts.

Rheault and Cohen ousted two other contenders for a place on November's mayoral ballot, incumbent Town Councilor Nancy Thompson (772), and Abe Kasparian, Jr. (60). Thompson's team and friends gathered at the Polish Club to await the results, and when she learned that she would not be one of the finalists for mayor, she expressed thanks to her "wonderful campaign committee, who will still remain my friends. I am very proud of my 16 years of public service, but those who came out to vote today decided the election. Although I am disappointed, I am looking forward to finally being able to sleep late on Saturday."

It was not possible to contact Kasparian, due to a scheduling problem, but supporters joined Rheault at E.B.'s Restaurant on Walnut Street Extension while waiting for voting summaries. When Rheault learned the results of the primary, he stated, "I'm looking forward to the election in November. Historically, voter turnout for City



IN LEFT PHOTO: Agawam Town Councilor Nancy Thompson holds one of her campaign signs on Primary Day, Tuesday, October 5th. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Joe Polaski, one of Thompson's supporters, with his four-legged friend, "Ginger," outside the Precinct 5 polling area at Phelps School. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

Council has been 55 percent of the voter population. I hope this goes in our favor.

"I am an advocate of education and recreation and I also would work on concerns of the elderly. I would move up the building of their new addition within the year at no additional cost to the taxpayer. I am delighted that the voters chose me to run on November's ballot.

"This is the start of a hard-working campaign. I appreciate the voters for recognizing my tenure in Agawam and I look forward to the progress made in town and victory in November."

Patrick Nolan, who served as retiring Mayor Chris Johnson's campaign manager since 1989, said, "I have supported Don Rheault. I looked over the other candidates and he is the best man for the job. He's a good person."

Gina Letellier, who seeks another term on the Town Council, said, "I will be supporting Donald Rheault in the November election." By the time the results were in, there was a large crowd at E.B.'s for Rheault's victorious evening.

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Richard Cohen's group convened at Mr. Shower Door in Feeding Hills, where music played and people mingled outside under a tent with heat from a fire contained in a barrel. Some 150 to 200 people came to visit during the course of the evening.

Cohen commented, "The voters of Agawam have responded to our grassroots values by choosing me to run in November. This marks the start of a big change in Agawam and I am very proud to be a part of it. Agawam wants to start with a clean slate and fresh, revitalized blood."

"If elected, I want to start a Mayor's Office of Economic Development to work with the Planning Board to fill those empty store fronts. The increase in income can be used to better Agawam's schools, Senior Center, and Parks and Recreation."

Several people at the gathering expressed their commitment to Cohen's campaign, including Bill Daubmann, Alan Cohen (a guidance counselor at Agawam High and the candidate's twin brother), and Attorney Vincent Gioscia. "Richard Cohen keeps his word and is a team player," said Gioscia. "He is very sincere."

Town Clerk Richard Theroux was interviewed by Channel 22's Dan Elias on the dinnertime news about the low voter turnout at Agawam's polls. The interview was televised, with both Theroux and Elias reminding voters of the importance of casting their votes at the poll.

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POLL WORKER MARILYN CURRY (left) hands a ballot to Bunny Wilson on Primary Day, Tuesday, October 5th. According to Town Clerk Richard Theroux, there was about a 25 percent turnout for the primary. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



Letters To The Editor

In Response To Mr. Meagher's Letter In Sept. 30th Issue

To The Editor:
To The People Of Agawam:

How Mr. Frank Meagher could be so seriously mistaken, obviously wrong, and apparently very confused about the facts regarding a meeting I presume he did observe — held by the City Council on the 20th of September — fairly well eludes me.

Permit me this moment to set my suspicious mind regarding this Berkshire Power proponent and apologist for Councilor Thompson aside, ignore the bizarre coincidence of his letter's publication in the last *Advertiser News* before the primary, suspend my disbelief of his newfound confusion over procedures he has observed on several previous occasions — and presume he has no knowledge of the facts.

Given how the Siting Board's decision was an improper one, illegally conducted and unconstitutionally delivered, it is undeniably clear that our City Council has a duty to file an appeal of that decision. Given how the City Council had a finite amount of time to file that appeal, an emergency preamble was an appropriate and time-honored means of acting on that appeal as soon as possible in compliance with the laws Mr. Meagher mistakenly claims were somehow violated.

I must admit that I, knowing of Mr. Meagher's familiarity with City Council proceedings, presumed — apparently falsely — that he might have ample familiarity with emergency preambles. He should know how they're used, and he should know how they work.

I shall therefore now take time to remind him that an emergency preamble is never placed on a City Council agenda since its express intent is to bypass posted City Council agendas in compliance with the laws. The very name of the device suggests this.

Mr. Meagher should also know, given again his familiarity with proceedings I presume (perhaps wrongly) that he has observed, that every City Council — to the very best of my knowledge — has always dealt with legal matters in executive session and, no doubt, always will. It seems to me that it is incumbent upon the City Council to deal with issues of litigation in closed session, and that what all observers should expect ought not astonish them.

Unfounded accusations of illegality without foundation seems to me quite irresponsible, and I would like to remind Mr. Meagher — given again an emergency preamble's express intent as that emergency device I just explained — that no posted public notice of executive session held

under such a preamble is at all possible. The closed session was obviously compelled by those issues raised under the preamble. I should think that a conclusion arrived at by common sense.

If it seems unusual to Mr. Meagher that speakers before Citizen's Speak Time should have had awareness of the contemplation of the device that evening, I would like to remind him that nothing at all whatsoever prevents a City Councilor from informing a citizen of his or her desire to make use of the device that evening.

Furthermore, with Mr. Meagher seemingly having observed the very same meeting I watched on cable television, he should be well aware that — contrary to his letter's suggestion — not one City Councilor questioned either the preamble's legal status, or the legal status of the closed session. That is, no one rose to points of order, no one appealed the chair's decision, no one objected to the consideration of motions carried, and no one asked to reconsider motions carried.

Councilor Simpson abstained in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, while Councilor Thompson voted "present" in violation of Robert's Rules of Order. What these "votes" indicate is no clear position at all on motions carried.

Meagher was incorrect also to question the revelation of a lack of unanimous decision in executive session, as that was surely no surprise and could not possibly be proven a violation. There can be no unanimous decision at all, as is common knowledge, if Councilor Simpson — having abstained from the vote to launch executive session — did not participate in that executive session!

Regarding the circumstances of that appeal, then, Mr. Meagher could not possibly be more mistaken, and I sincerely hope that it was not his intent to deliberately misinform the voting public of Agawam.

The sole and only claim he made in his letter last week that had any validity whatsoever was his argument that the public hearing held then on

the smoking issue was never once given public posted notice and should indeed have been held out of order — which is why the hearing was continued, with its continuation so publicly posted.

I'm truly shocked and astonished by Mr. Meagher's outrageous claims.

Sincerely yours,
Owen R. Boardhurst
Agawam

Precinct 5 Poll Workers Say Thanks For The Hot Coffee

To The Editor:

Thank-you to the very considerate husband and wife voting at Phelps School for bringing the very much appreciated hot coffee to the very cold poll workers.

You are great!

Bunny Wilson
Jeanette Ouellette
Dale Melanson
James Quinn
Precinct 5

POW/MIA Ceremony Was A Truly Special Experience

To The Editor:

I had the great honor of being invited to the Remembrance Service sponsored by the American Legion, auxiliary unit 185, by past Commander Jay O'Sullivan. The services were held at St. David's on Springfield Street in Agawam. I was not certain of exactly what would take place, however, I knew that it was to honor POWs and MIAs.

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As I sat in the back row and listened to the opening remarks of Mary Ellen Morissette, auxiliary president, I felt honored by the invitation. As we stood to open the ceremony with the Pledge of Allegiance, all of us facing the flag that weaves us with a common thread, I began to understand why we were gathered together. We gathered to give tribute to men and women who gave of themselves fully and completely and unconditionally in defending and protecting our country, our rights, our freedoms, and our democracy.

After the invocation presented by the chaplain, Louis Russo, I was truly moved. There was a large "V" with candles that aligned each side of the "V." There were three candles in front of the "V," signifying three wars: World War II, the Korean War, and Vietnam. The "V" represents Vietnam in and of itself, and each one of the candles that align the "V" was dedicated to a POW or an MIA. An empty chair was placed in front of the "V" to signify the spirit of each one of the men and women who are either missing in action or are prisoners of war. A chill came over me as we stood and a prayer was read by Lawrence A. Conners.

The auxiliary president, Mary Ellen Morissette, honored the people present by allowing each one of us who cared to participate, a chance to light a candle in the large "V" in the front of the chapel. For each candle that was lit, a name of a POW or MIA was read. The experience for me was very, very humbling. I began to understand just how precious it is to live in a great country such as ours and also, perhaps more importantly, to understand the hard work of the men and women of the armed forces.

I was reminded of so much that afternoon during the touching ceremony. I was reminded that there are men and women who have fought for my freedoms, defended my rights, are suffering at the hands of their captors to this very day. In Korea, approximately 8,069 men and women are either POWs or MIAs. In Vietnam, approximately 2,800 join the ranks of the missing or imprisoned. From the Gulf War, 42 are MIAs or POWs, and in Somalia, there is one. In World War II, approximately 82,000 are considered to be MIAs or POWs.

I left the ceremony sincerely and completely humbled by the dedication and the solidarity of the families and friends of those missing who could only be present through spirit.

Abe Kasparian
Agawam

Thank-You For Attending Tribute To Mayor Johnson

To The Editor:

The Agawam Republican Town Committee would like to thank all of the people who attended the tribute event sponsored by the committee for

outgoing Mayor Christopher C. Johnson on Friday evening, October 1st.

The attendance by so many appointed and elected officials, family members, and friends of Chris Johnson stood as testimony to his accomplishments during his 10-year term of office and demonstrated our appreciation for his leadership.

Ronald LaRiviere
Chairman, Agawam Republican Town Committee

Bonavita Will Uphold System Of "Checks And Balances"

To The Editor:

The November election for Mayor and City Council is quickly approaching. I want to suggest that when deciding on your selections for City Council that you consider closely the qualifications of each candidate and how that candidate will fit into the City Council structure to maximize effectiveness of its duties and responsibilities, as well as lend assistance to the new mayor.

I suggest that we have an excellent opportunity to vote in a Council that will uphold the principle of "checks and balances" in our form of government.

To that end, I request that you consider Attorney Anthony C. Bonavita for one of the 11 Council seats. His background in law, government, and public service will be a "good fit" on the Council for the residents of the City known as the Town of Agawam, in terms of service and protecting the general interest of the people. Please consider and compare his background:

- Vice-chairman of the Zoning Task Force
- Past president and present member of the Board of Directors of the Agawam Lions Club
- Extensive municipal law experience
- Former town solicitor (attorney) representing the Town Council
- Former associate town solicitor representing the Planning Board and Conservation Commission
- Former chairman of the Stadium Lights Committee
- Coach of youth sports

If you believe that "checks and balances" through the positive voice of a City Councilor is important, then I strongly suggest that you consider Anthony C. Bonavita as one of your 11 votes in November.

John J. O'Brien
Feeding Hills

Thompson Thanks Supporters During Primary Campaign

To The Editor:

I would like to thank the residents of Agawam for all their support during this primary campaign.

For me, this campaign has been about the people of Agawam: the amazing campaign committee

with whom I have had the privilege to work, and the people who have called, written, attended our open forums on education and senior issues, or who have come up to me to speak about their issues or concerns.

We have a wonderful community in which we live.

It has been my honor to have served this city over the past 16 years, first on the Council on Aging and then on the Agawam City Council. Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Nancy E. Thompson
Agawam City Councilor

Smoking Question Should Be Amended Or Placed On Ballot

To The Editor:

Having formerly been a heavy smoker and, according to my doctors, one who would no longer exist if I hadn't quit several years ago, I have taken an interest in the smoking ban issue.

The smoking ban is turning into one of those issues that split the town apart. Why is it that the most controversial issues in Agawam deal with the health, safety, or welfare of its residents. Such issues, when based on evidence and fact, should be cut and dried. Unfortunately, especially in Agawam, such issues never are. Also, this issue should not even be before the council.

This is a health issue and should be decided by the Health Department and the Board of Health. Because the majority of the Board of Health, one member a doctor no less, failed in their duty to protect the health of our citizens, the citizens had to act on their own. As is their right, the citizens have placed the smoking ban issue in the City Council's hands. Through the right of petition, they have forced the council to hold public hearings and act on the issue.

At the last public hearing on the issue, one of those speaking against the ban doesn't live in Agawam and two others own bars that aren't affected by any proposed bans. In fact, the vast majority of people who spoke or attended the public hearing were in favor of the ban. This puts the council further in a position they should not even be involved in.

What then is the council to do? They can act on the ban as it is written; they could amend the ban to try to satisfy both sides; they could place it on the ballot as a referendum and let the people decide; or, lastly, table the question and let the next council worry about it.

My preferences would be to either amend the question or place it on the ballot. One possible amendment could be to require restaurants that want smoking to have a smoking room that is completely closed off from the rest of the eating area. This would insure a truly non-smoking area.

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that will be free of the smoke emanating from the smoking area. If the council is unable or unwilling to offer similar amendments that allow for compromise, then let the people decide during an election by voting for or against the ban.

No matter what is decided by the council, one thing remains true. We must stop splitting our town apart because of controversial issues that should not be controversial in the first place. Let's start working together as a community to find ways of solving problems to the satisfaction of everyone.

Louis J. Russo
Feeding Hills

"Cheetahs" & Vipers" Are Committed To Sport Of Soccer

To The Editor:

Did you have a good season? To many coaches, the win/loss record or making the playoffs seems to best answer this question.

At the High School level, especially, players and coaches can both be swept up by the intensity of the competition. In fact, if they don't have the drive and commitment to do their best, neither player nor coach will fare well or last long.

The Agawam High School boys' soccer teams may look to the results of their matches or memorable goals and saves when they evaluate and remember the 1999 season, but to a group of young soccer players and their coaches, the results are already in.

For the *Cheetahs* and the *Vipers*, the Agawam Soccer Association's U12 boys Pioneer Valley teams, a recent practice session with Coach Olson's varsity and Coach Rousseau's JV proved that the boys on both squads have a strong commitment to soccer and something beyond that as well.

Watching these High School players working with the younger boys on skills and drills, and showing camaraderie with them, I realized that their effort was not just that of somebody following the coaches' instructions, but a real willingness to teach, to help, and befriend the younger players.

When athletes are developing the character these young men displayed, they are well on their way to success, in life as well as on the soccer pitch; and, to any coach, that should be a good measure of a successful season.

Chet Comee
Agawam Cheetahs, Coach

Where Do The Council Candidates Stand On Smoking?

To The Editor:

This is in response to Ms. Millicent Barnard's letter about a smoking ban.

Please be advised, I am not a smoker, I detest the smoke, the smell (STINK), the butts, the wrappers — everything about smoking.

But ... just because a few people want a smoke-free society, we need a law making it a crime to smoke in public places.

We don't need more worthless, unenforceable laws. We do need people who have a mind of their own, who — IF they patronize an establishment where smoking is allowed — just leave and tell management why. IF they value your business, they have the right to post "No Smoking" signs, as many already do.

It was stated that 29 of 40 restaurants want to be smoke-free. Well, why aren't they? Do they need someone to hold their hands, or are they afraid another business will steal their customers if the rules are equal?

Mike Del Negro, Abe Kasparian, and I spoke against the smoking ban, and we all stated why. Louis Russo and Rich Morassi spoke in favor of the ban.

Where are the statements from the other council candidates? Are they afraid to take a position?

One councilor had a good idea — put it on the ballot. Let the voters decide.

Walter Meissner
Feeding Hills
Candidate for Agawam City Council

AHS Golf Booster Club Appreciates All Of The Support

To The Editor:

We would like to thank all the golfers who participated in the raffle on the third hole at the Berkshire Power Tournament.

Our raffle was very successful and we appreciate everyone involved; Ron Dunn, Kathy McSweeney, and especially Berkshire Power.

Thanks, also, to everyone who parked cars at AHS during The Big E.

Again, thanks for your support. See you in 2000!!!

Regina Korney
AHS Golf Booster Club

Are Thompson And Simpson Truly Concerned About Us?

To The Editor:

Frank Meagher's letter in last week's *Advertiser* regarding Executive Sessions was so full of mistakes that it is obvious he did not consult with anyone before making himself look foolish.

Unless, of course, he consulted with Nancy Thompson about the rules regarding Executive Sessions. Or is he trying to sway votes for Thompson through the use of false information?

Because the Energy Facility Siting Board gave us so little time to appeal their own illegal decision, our council had no choice but to go into Executive Session. Councilors Thompson and Simpson knew this. That is why they didn't vote at all. In fact, they have never voted on any issue that was against Berkshire Power.

They have always abstained, voted present, or left meetings before their vote was taken. For Mr. Meagher to congratulate these two for failing in their responsibility is a further cause for me to question his motives.

Anyone who has watched council meetings for years will tell you that stating an Emergency Preamble and going into Executive Session is absolutely legal and has been done dozens of times. The purpose of an Executive Session is to allow the council to act on an emergency about the health, safety, or welfare of Agawam without having to place the item on the agenda in advance. That is why an Emergency Preamble must precede the Executive Session. If MR. MEAGHER knew what the facts are, he would have known that the council followed the law exactly and acted completely legally.

Mr. Meagher was also wrong when he falsely accused the council of illegally releasing their decision following the Executive Session. The state Open Meeting Laws require that any vote taken in Executive Session must be publicly announced as soon as the council returns to open sessions. The council did what the law required and again acted legally.

It seems that the only ones in the council who have any true concerns about Agawam are the ones who attended the Executive Session and voted. Apparently, Thompson and Simpson don't and are the type of councilors Mr. Meagher supports.

Sincerely yours,
Ernestine Book
Agawam

How Will Rheault Handle Our Money If He's Elected Mayor?

To The Editor:

After reading Sunday's paper and the article on candidate fundraising, Mr. Rheault, will you be as frivolous with our money?

I am barely making ends meet and you are laying out \$7,000-plus on what? Lawn signs and bumper stickers that will be thrown away after the election.

Easy come, easy go! You have stated in numerous ads that you have brought back integrity to our town ... how? When? All I see is a man who wants one more feather in his proverbial cap!

Disgusted in Feeding Hills
Susan Longtin

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, October 14, 1999 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of Gaudette for property located on Pomeroy Street.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
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By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
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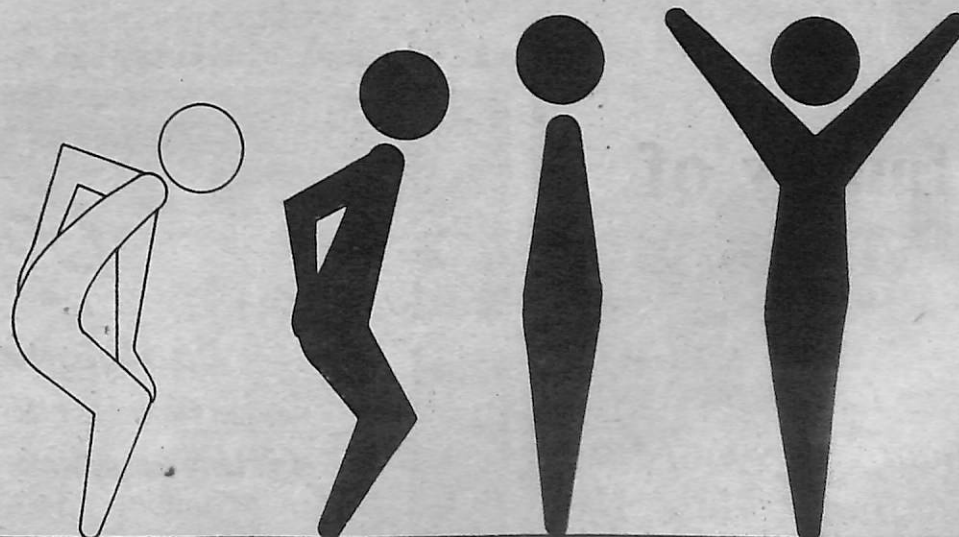
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— Agawam Obituaries —

Russell E. Haynes

Russell E. Haynes, 81, of South Westfield Street in Feeding Hills, died recently at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

He was a manager for the Universal Carloading Company and a traffic consultant for many national trucking firms.

Born in Haverhill, he was a lifelong resident of the Agawam/Feeding Hills area and graduated from Agawam High School, where he played on the hockey and football teams.

He was a World War II veteran serving with the Fleet Marine Division in the Asiatic Pacific Theater.

He was a member of the National Defense Transportation Association at Westover Air Base, past president of the Traffic Club in Springfield, past president of the Pioneer Valley Delta Nu Alpha Transportation Fraternity, and a former member of West Springfield American Legion Post 207.

He was founder of the Agawam Inter-Church Baseball League.

He leaves his wife of 58 years, the former Charlotte Jasmin; three sons, Roger R. of Mesa, Arizona, Bruce A. of Litchfield, Connecticut, and Russell E. II of Springfield; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was private, and there were no calling hours. Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

Mary A. Ladner

Mary Alacoque (Moriarty) Ladner, 90, of 218 Cardinal Drive, Agawam, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She worked at the Skinner Mill in Holyoke, Mount Holyoke College, the Springfield Armory, and the Springfield Hobby Club.

Born in Holyoke, she lived in Springfield most of her life before moving to Feeding Hills in 1969. She moved to Agawam in 1997.

She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church and a member of the Columbian Council, the Rosary Altar Society, and the Catholic Women's Club of St. Michael's Cathedral.

She also belonged to the Senior Center and the Springfield Doll Club, and was a Girl Scout and Catholic Daughter leader.

Her husband, Ernest J. Ladner, Sr., died in 1988, and she was also predeceased by two sons, Ernest J. Jr. and Joseph.

She leaves a son, David F. of Rochester, New Hampshire; four daughters, Mary A. Gamache of Windsor Locks, Irene T. Boulais of South Hadley, Carol A. Corkum of Hartford, and Kathleen M. Douglas of Springfield; 20 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

ingfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of St. Joseph, Mont Marie, 34 Lower Westfield Road, Holyoke, MA 01040.

Louise A. Russell-Vogt

Louise A. (Mourney) Russell-Vogt, 87, of Agawam, died recently in a local nursing home.

She was a retired cook and housekeeper at Heritage Hall Nursing Home.

Born in Haverhill, she lived in Agawam for the past 49 years.

She was a member of the Agawam Senior Center, the Golden Agers, Agawam Garden Club, and the St. John the Evangelist Church Guild.

Her first husband, George Russell, died in 1979, and her second husband, Frederick Vogt, died in 1983.

She leaves three sons, Paul D. Russell of West Springfield, Peter Russell of Enfield, and M. Dennis Russell of Lee, New Hampshire; three daughters, Susan E. Strycharz of Feeding Hills, Diane L. Russell of Enfield, and Mary R. Larsen of Omaha, Nebraska; four sisters, Lillian Sullivan of Haverhill, Lorraine Sullivan and Jean Clark, both of Florida, and Shirley Lawler of Maryland; 16 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of Western New England, 50 Maple Street, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

Charles A.J. Montagna

Charles A.J. Montagna, 81, of Highland Avenue, Agawam, died recently at Mercy Hospital.

He was a beater-room engineer at Southworth Paper Co. for 30 years.

Born and schooled in Agawam, he was a lifelong resident of the town and a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church.

He belonged to the Victor Emmanuel Society for 60 years and was its secretary and treasurer.

He was a World War II Navy veteran of the Pacific Theater.

He leaves his wife of 53 years, the former Rita C. Bellinzona; a son, Peter J. of West Springfield; a daughter, Louise A. Germaine of Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Claire R., died in 1947.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Memorial and Honor Program, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee, 38105-1905.

George M. Elkas

George M. Elkas, 92, of 104 Reed Street, Agawam, died recently at home.

He was a retired inspector for Savage Arms in Westfield. He previously worked in the produce department at the former Finast grocery stores and worked with his brothers for the former Elkas Brothers Television.

Born in Aleppo, Syria, he came to this country in 1910 and lived in Agawam since 1950.

He was a member of the Agawam Congregational Church.

He leaves his wife of 57 years, the former Agnes M. Bardakjy; a son, Kenneth A. of the Florence section of Northampton; four brothers, Harold and Andrew, both of Springfield, Louis of Agawam, and Dewey of Chicopee; two sisters, Christine Harron of Canada and Dorothy Stewart of Holbrook; and two grandchildren.

A son, Murray W., died in 1989.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Association, 50 Maple Street, Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

Helen M. Robak

Helen M. (Gralenski) Robak, 93, of Feeding Hills, died recently at an East Longmeadow nursing home.

Born in Three Rivers, she lived in East Springfield before moving to Feeding Hills in 1971.

She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

Her husband, John Robak, died in 1982.

She leaves two daughters, Theresa Colson and Gertrude Robak of Feeding Hills; three sisters, Pearl Gwozdz of Hampden, Veronica Kurdrzal of Chicopee Falls, and Julie Dynak of Ludlow; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church, 1103 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030-2114.

Leroy Hardy

Leroy Hardy, 58, of 61 Cooper Street, Agawam, and formerly of Milton, Connecticut, died recently at a local nursing home.

He was a meat cutter.

Born and schooled in LaGrange, North Carolina, he lived in Agawam for five years.

His wife, the former Doris Cestari, predeceased him.

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Card Of Thanks

The family of Elvira Mercolino

wishes to thank

Rev. William Rousseau for the beautiful Burial Mass, the staff at Heritage Hall North building for the wonderful care, and all whose kindness, prayers, and flowers have provided comfort during their time of loss.

In Loving Memory Of Phil Vecchiarelli



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The POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony Committee

Would like to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who helped and participated in the candlelight ceremony held on September 26, 1999.

A special thank-you is extended to Reverend Len Cowan and St. David's Church at 699 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA, for allowing us to present our ceremony in their beautiful building.

Veterans' Corner...

Small Businesses And The Y2K Issue

by Ruth C. Bitzas
Veterans' Agent — 786-0400, Ext. 236/237

I recently received some information from the Massachusetts Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MassMEP) indicating that they provide free self-help software kits, along with free training workshops at a Massachusetts Community College near you, to help fight the millennium bug.

The software kit was developed by the Department of Commerce's National Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Small Business Administration.

This offering resulted from passage of Public Law 106-8, "Small Business Year 2000 Readiness Act," signed into law by the president on April 2, 1999. Local participating colleges are STCC (please call 755-4503 for more information) and Holyoke Community College (call Keith and Mike at 552-2561, or check the Internet at www.y2k.nist.gov).

Registration is free, and there are at least 10 different dates available for your convenience.

This week we are publishing for the second and last time, our Honor Roll list of World War I veterans whose Home of Record is Agawam. We published A through H last week, and we're finishing up with I through Z this week.

(Next week's list will be the beginning of the World War II list.)

WORLD WAR I LIST

INGHAM, THOMAS
JACKOWSKI, MICHAEL A.
KAPLINGER, LOUIS R.
KERR, WALTER S.
KINGSBURY, JOHN H.
KIRBY, JAMES F.
LABERGE, LEON M.
LAFLEUR, LEO P.
LETENDRE, ADELARD J.
LETOURNEAU, JOHN B.
LING, WALTER J.
LIQUORI, JOHN
LYTLE, FRANK B.
MANNING, WILLARD C.
MENARD, HENRY R.
MCLAUGHLIN, JOHN J.
MCNAMEE, RALPH V.
MEISSNER, ALFRED A.
MERRELL, EDWIN C.
MILANEZE, QUIRICO J.
MINER, FRANCIS H.
MINOR, FREDERICK K.
MONTAGNA, DIEGO E.
MORLEY, KENNETH I.
MORRISSEY, COURTNEY
MOSELEY, STANLEY
O'BRIEN, EDMUND
O'CONNELL, DANIEL J.
O'RILEY, JERRY
OUIMETTE, WILLIAM T.
PARO, ERNEST I.
PATTISON, ROBERT
PIAZZO, EMILIO T.
PIERSON, FRED J.
PRENTISS, GEORGE E.
RAISON, FREDERICK A.
REED, ROLAND C.
RIVERS, ERNEST
RIVERS, MELVELL L.
ROBINSON, ARTHUR
ROSSO, MATHEW
ROWLEY, ARTHUR S.
SCANNELL, GERALD J.
SCANNELL, JAMES B.
SCHADLICH, FRANK
SCHADLICH, WILLIAM
SHAYLOR, WILLIS P.
SIAS, CYRILL W.
SIEGEL, ISIDORE C.
SLOCUM, LEWIS F.
SPRING, EDWIN B.
* ST. DENNIS, HENRY
STEBBINS, WALTER D.
STRONG, ROBERT F.
SVENSON, EDWARD K.
SZEMBRUT, WLADYSLAW
TARBOX, PAUL G.
TAYLOR, HERBERT G.
TESSICINO, SALVATORE
* THOMPSON, FRANCIS
THOMPSON, JOHN H.
THOMPSON, HOWARD L.
TOELKEN, RICHARD E.
TARBOLD, ANTHONY W.
VOUDREN, OVILA O.
WARD, ROWLAND J.
WELLS, CHARLES C.
WERNOFF, OSCAR L.
WHEELER, WILLIAM
WHITNEY, RAYMOND
* WILSON, EDWARD B.
WINTER, NORMAN F.
(* Died while in service.)

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He leaves a daughter, Sally Wilson of the Indian Orchard section of Springfield, and two grandchildren.

The funeral was private, and Harrell Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, 393 Maple Street, Springfield, MA 01105.

Jose Vazquez

Jose Vazquez, 68, of 21 Western Drive, Agawam, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He worked at the former Sweet Life Foods Inc. of Suffield for 20 years and retired in 1993.

Born in Aguas Buenas, Puerto Rico, he lived in Agawam for 42 years.

He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church and a member of Teamsters Union Local 559.

He leaves his wife, the former Mary Ramondi; a son, Jose M. of Chicopee; two daughters, Marisa R. Blais of Springfield and Teresa De Vado of South West Leesburg, Virginia; four brothers, Hector L. of Agawam, Jaime of Springfield, and Christino and Angel, both of Puerto Rico; three sisters, Benita Vazquez, Carmen Ramos, and Teresa Nieves, all of Puerto Rico; and five grandchildren.

The funeral was private, and Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church, 823 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001, or the Agawam Ambulance Fund, Fire Headquarters, Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Douglas E. Cooley

Douglas E. Cooley, 69, of 170 North Street, Agawam, died recently at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

Born in Springfield, he lived in West Springfield before moving to Agawam in 1977.

He was a construction worker for Adams & Ruxton Construction Co. for 30 years and retired in 1989.

He belonged to Local 999 of the Construction Workers Union.

He leaves his wife, the former Doris A. Mozeleski; two sons, Brian K. and Michael E., both of Agawam; a daughter, Susan M. Rush of Beaver Creek, Ohio; a brother, Alan of Enfield; a sister, Mildred Huggard of Somers; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home, with burial at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Visiting Nurse & Hospice, 50 Maple Street, Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

John R. Harrison

John R. Harrison, 86, of Cooper Street, Agawam, died recently at a local nursing home.

He was a retired machinist at the Springfield Armory and also worked for Standard Distributing of Springfield.

Born in Stamford, CT, he was a member of the John Boyle O'Reilly Club and a long-time Springfield resident.

His wife, the former Claire Dzwilewski, died in 1973; a son, Michael, in May of last year; and a daughter, Sandra LaPointe, in June of last year.

He leaves a son, Jerome R. of Agawam; two daughters, Cheryl Pajak of Palmer and Paul Brooks of West Springfield; a brother, William of Florida; 14 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield. West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial Service Scheduled For Edith LaFrancis

A memorial service for Edith (Hull) LaFrancis, who died on September 13, 1999, will be held at the Agawam Congregational Church on Saturday, October 16th, at 11:00 a.m.

Born in Agawam on January 9, 1905, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Grace (Cushman) Hull. Her husband, Walter J. LaFrancis, died in 1966.

Since the death of her father, Edith LaFrancis has been Agawam's Town Historian. In 1980, her book, *Agawam, Massachusetts, History of a Town*, was published. She wrote columns for area newspapers, as well as articles for magazines such as *Reader's Digest*, *New England Galaxy*, *New England Homestead*, *Yankee*, *Science of the Mind*, and more that are too numerous to mention. Many of her poems have also been published.

An accomplished artist, she worked in oil, water colors, and her favorite medium was pen and ink.

She belonged to several writers' associations and guilds. She was an original incorporator of the Agawam Historical Association.

She leaves a son, Nelson LaFrancis of Fairfield, Iowa; a daughter, Susan Anderson of Omaha, Nebraska; a grandson; five granddaughters; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Agawam Historical Association, c/o Firehouse Museum, P.O. Box 552, Agawam, MA 01001.

Three Agawam Firemen Commended

Three Agawam Fire Department members received letters of commendation from Fire Chief David Pisano. The commendations were received for performing courageous actions during two separate recent incidents.

During the Riverside Park's Blizzard River Ride accident on August 7, 1999, Firefighter/Paramedic Chris Bilodeau put on his self-contained breathing apparatus and dove into the murky water to search for victims.

Also receiving commendations were Lieutenant Kenneth Avondo and Firefighter/EMT Donald Savaria. During a medical call, a distraught patient grabbed a large kitchen knife and began waving the knife around. Avondo, Savaria, and Police Officer Richard Conlon wrestled the knife away from the patient.

The Fire Department members were commended for their courage and congratulated for their outstanding performance during these incidents.

School Committee Agenda For 10/12

1. Call to Order.
2. Moment of Silence.
3. Citizens' Speak Time.
4. Roll Call of Attendance.
5. Superintendent's Notes.
6. Highlights on Education.
7. Old Business:
SCR99-38 - Approval for Use of Building (Profit Organization).
8. Business Meeting.
a. Routine Matters.
1) Approval of Minutes.
2) Calendar/Correspondence.
b. Warrants/Transfers.
c. Reports:
1) SAT Report - J. Zabielski, F. Meagher.
2) Student Enrollment.
9. New Business:
10. Any other action which may legally come before the Committee.
11. Adjournment.



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Sauvignon Blanc \$8.99

Almaden Vineyards (5 Ltr. Box)
White Grenache, Mt. Chablis, Mt. Rhine,
Golden Chablis, Blush, Alfresco Red \$7.99

Chardonnay, Merlot, White Zinfandel,
Cabernet Sauvignon, Mt. Red Burgundy \$10.99

Sutter Home White Zinfandel
(1.5 Ltr.) \$6.99

Gossamer Bay (1.5 Ltr.)
White Zinfandel \$6.99
Chardonnay, Merlot, Pinot Grigio \$8.99

Champagne Sparkling Wine
Domaine Ste. Michele, Cuvée Brut, Extra Dry,
Blanc de Blancs \$8.99

OCTOBER BEER SPECIALS

Bud Dry
30-Pk. Cans
\$11.99 (P.D.)

Coors & Coors Light
30-Pk. Cans
\$16.49 (P.D.)

Carlsburg Beer
12-Pk. Bottles
\$9.99 (P.D.)

Sierra Nevada
12-Pk. Bottles
\$11.99 (P.D.)

Sam Adams
Lager, Octoberfest,
I.P.A., Ale
12-Pk. Bottles
\$9.99 (P.D.)

Molson
Golden, Ice, Light,
Canadian Beer
12-Pk. Bottles
\$7.99 (P.D.)

Beck's
Regular, Dark,
Octoberfest
12-Pk. Bottles
\$9.99 (P.D.)

OCTOBER LIQUOR SPECIALS

Leroux
Coffee Brandy
(1.75 Ltr.)
\$11.99

Sky Vodka
(1.75 Ltr.)
\$18.99

Christian Brothers'
Brandy
(1.75 Ltr.)
\$16.99

Canadian Mist
(1.75 Ltr.)
\$12.99

Seagrams
Gin
(1.75 Ltr.)
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KENT SERVIS

Kent Servis Announces Run For City Council

Kent Servis of 48 Kathy Terrace, Feeding Hills, announces his candidacy for the Agawam City Council.

Servis is the former Council President and is seeking to return to the Council in this year's election. During his time on the Council, Servis was active in issues affecting the Senior Center, schools, and public safety.

During the last election, Servis nearly unseated the 10-year incumbent in the closest mayoral election in Agawam's history.

"During my term as Council President, I strived to bring back a sense of decorum and dignity during a time of divisive issues and great turmoil.

"In addition to presiding over the Council, I also was formulating the cellular tower ordinance to protect the visual appearance of our town from uncontrolled construction of these facilities.

"I voted for the increased funding for the schools and other education-related issues, and my record on public safety is 100 percent.

"I feel that we need to bring our Police and Fire Departments up to full manpower to protect our growing population and will work with the next administration to ensure that this happens.

"During the last two years, I have continued to be involved in activities that will provide recreation for our youth. I am serving on the Board of Directors of the soon-to-be Agawam Boys' and Girls' Club, and will work hard to make the recreational opportunities available for our children."

According to a campaign spokesman, Servis is an active member of the Springfield Yacht and Canoe Club, located here in Agawam, and was appointed to the position of Assistant Harbor Master of the Town of Agawam by Mayor Johnson (a non-paid position). He is also a member of the Mawaga Sportsman's Club, as well as the Agawam Lions Club.

"I hope to bring the knowledge and experience I have gained to the position of City Councilor, to serve the needs of the citizens.

"On Election Day, I hope that I may earn one of your 11 votes for Council. You vote does count; use it," concluded Servis.

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION FOR SNOW PLOWING/REMOVAL QUOTES AGAWAM HOUSING AUTHORITY

Open competitive quotes sought for snow plowing and snow removal at seven housing locations. Specifications are available at the office. Quotes to be received until Monday, October 18, 1999 at 3:00 p.m. at the office of the Agawam Housing Authority at 66 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, MA 01001. Acceptable contractor will supply necessary insurance documentation as required.

Joanne M. Beltrandi

Executive Director, Agawam Housing Authority
Published: October 7, 1999

Bonavita Discusses Capital Improvements

In a press release issued this week, Anthony C. Bonavita, candidate for Agawam City Council, discussed the voters' opinions on capital improvements.

Bonavita stated, "As I have been campaigning, voters have expressed clear opinions on capital improvements for our community. They look not only at the condition of our town now, but also have an eye toward the future. By financial planning for further projects, we can ensure a high quality of services to be provided in the years to come."

An attorney for over 21 years, Bonavita is 46 years-old and resides at 683 Cooper Street, Agawam, with his wife, Adele, and their two children, Carlo and Franca.

He elaborated further, "Voters have indicated that they want to see several concrete projects achieved. They include a new DPW garage, expansion of the senior citizen center, more recreation areas and athletic fields, and expansion of the library. I will work as a city councilor to assist and support each of these projects as a positive voice for Agawam."

"Also, as requested by the voters, I will support in my capacity as a councilor funding for additional road and sidewalk improvements. While I believe the Department of Public Works staff is working well with the funding available to it, I will support more funding for such projects to assist the department and our citizens.

"In conclusion, I will work with local, state, and federal officials to search for more funding without raising our tax rate," said Bonavita.

Ziti Fundraiser For Councilor Letellier

The Committee to Elect Gina M. Letellier is pleased to announce that a Ziti and Meatball fundraising dinner has been scheduled for Monday, October 25th, at 5:00 p.m. at the Polish Club in Feeding Hills.

Once again, the meal will be prepared by campaign chair Walter "Terry" Letellier, with the able assistance of co-chefs William Parent, Sr. and Frank Trincini.

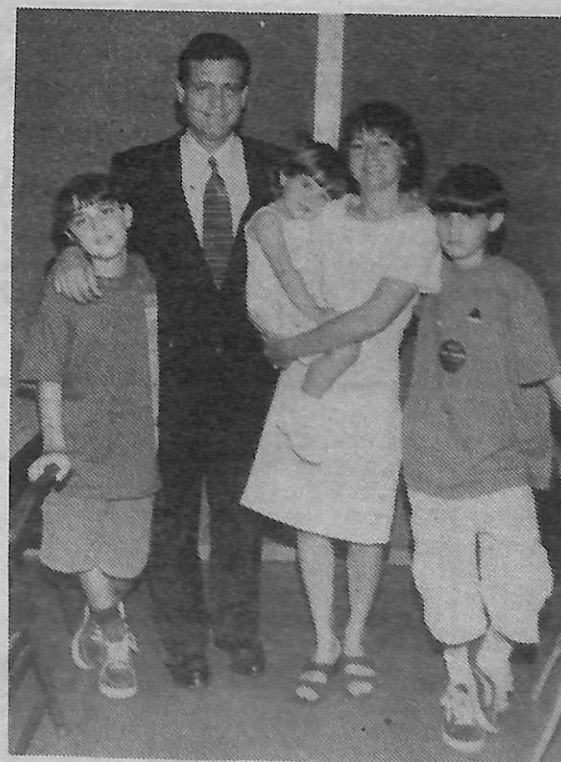
Tickets will be available at the door or from any member of the Committee. Adult tickets are \$5 each. Tickets for senior citizens and children under 12 are \$2 each.

To request tickets in advance, to make a donation, to volunteer at the dinner or on Election Day, or just to talk to the candidate, you can reach Gina-Marie Letellier during the day at 739-2112 or evenings at 786-4723. If you want to speak to the chair, Walter "Terry" Letellier, or the treasurer, Maryanne M. Letellier, please call 786-4723.

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Chmielewski Proposes Help For Single Parents And Working Parents

In a statement issued this week, Town Council candidate Stanley Chmielewski discussed his proposals to assist working parents:

"Today's complex lifestyle has introduced some new challenges for working parents. With career and financial demands, some couples — as well as single parents — find it necessary to maintain full-time employment while raising their families. This challenge can be expensive as well as difficult to achieve. I believe that we, the community, can offer some assistance to our fellow citizens.

"As your town councilor, I will propose a resolution asking the School Committee to begin the process to establish an all-day kindergarten in the schools. I believe in the concept and also believe that the program is long overdue.

"As your town councilor, I will also ask the Mayor to begin the formation of an after-school program. This program would be a cooperative effort between the schools and the Department of Parks and Recreation. This program can be comprised of a group of activities from an assisted homework program to one of reading, arts and crafts, and intramural sports activities. The programs would be open every day after school until the dinner hour.

"I also fully support the formation of a boys' and girls' club or something of a similar nature.

"It is well-documented that the leading cause of youth crime is inadequate supervision and the lack of activities that properly channel energy into productive areas. My years on the police force confirmed these findings, and many a 'good kid' found themselves in trouble because of the 'nothing to do' syndrome.

"With the demands placed on today's parents, I believe that it is the community's responsibility to assist the parents by providing constructive programs. I sincerely believe that we can accomplish these programs with the cooperation of municipal and private organizations working together.

"I acknowledge that the Town of Agawam is a leader in providing sporting programs for the youth of the community, but I believe we can do better. I believe that we can create a safe, productive, and fun environment for all the youth of our community.

"The investment in the youth of our community is a wise and sound one. They are our future and the future of the world. As your town councilor, I will strive to represent all the citizens of the community, and with your help and vote in November, we can achieve these goals," concluded Chmielewski.

ADVERTISER NEWS

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WALTER MEISSNER

Walter Meissner Seeks A Seat On The City Council

In a statement issued this week, Walter Meissner remarked, "I have decided to run as a candidate for a seat on the Agawam City Council for the following reasons.

"I feel that small business owners need representation on the council to protect their interests. Most small business owners don't have the time to get involved in town government because they are busy running their businesses.

"New ordinances (laws) get passed and they find out after it happens. Most council members are not private business people, except maybe the lawyers. Any person who is employed by a large firm has no idea how difficult it can be to meet all the federal, state, and local requirements to run a business.

"It has been my experience this past year to find that a new ordinance was introduced at a council meeting, the first vote was taken, and it passed to become the law ... and no one knew what they voted for. The opinion was, 'Let's pass this and move on to other business.'

"This new ordinance would strangle used car dealers. A few dealers objected to what was in the ordinance, and I was amazed at the indifference to the problems it would cause the dealers (one being the cost of doing business). The council just didn't seem to care.

"I've found that speaking your mind at Citizen's Speak Time is like talking to a rock pile.

"I've lived in Agawam all my life, and have been a home and business owner since 1964. It seems as though each year, there are more restrictions on our freedom.

"I spent most of my adult life working in the construction industry and have since retired. During that time, I ran an automotive-related business; at one time, I had three employees and had as many as 15 for short periods. I know what's involved with licensing, insurance, taxes, and keeping equipment running — and I don't like seeing government making it more difficult.

"It seems that everyone running for a council seat states, 'I'm all for helping the elderly with their problems; I'm all for better schools and education; I'm for making our streets safer for drivers and pedestrians [why is there no sidewalk on Main Street from Federal Street to Route 57?]; and I'm for promoting youth activities.' I certainly don't disagree with these honorable quotes, but I want to do more.

"I'd like to hold the line on new, worthless laws that only hurt certain people, and are difficult to enforce and intrude upon people's lives and livelihood.

"When people are subjected to unreasonable and silly laws, they lose respect for the law completely. When laws are not enforced equally, they feel disdain for the law. That's part of the problem we have in society today; no respect for the laws.

"If you agree with me, I'd appreciate your vote. I'll do my best to protect the interests of the little guy. Thanks for the indulgence," concluded Meissner.

For photo coverage in The AAN, call us 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice prior to your event.

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Agawam Chamber Of Commerce To Host "Candidates' Forum" On October 20th

The Agawam Chamber of Commerce has scheduled a Candidates' Forum for Wednesday, October 20th, in the auditorium at the Agawam Middle School.

The format for the Agawam Candidates' Forum will be:

6:00 to 6:30 p.m.: Meet the candidates, auditorium open (informal gathering).

6:30 to 7:00 p.m.: Two-minute statements by School Committee candidates.

7:10 to 8:10 p.m.: Town Council candidates (media panel questions).

8:20 to 9:15 p.m.: Mayoral candidates (media panel questions).

The general public is invited to attend the forum. This program will also be cable-cast simultaneously on cable access Channel 15.

The moderator of the forum will be Linda Northup Vitro of David R. Northup Electrical Contrac-

tors, Inc., who is the President of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce. A media panel will question Town Council and Mayoral candidates.

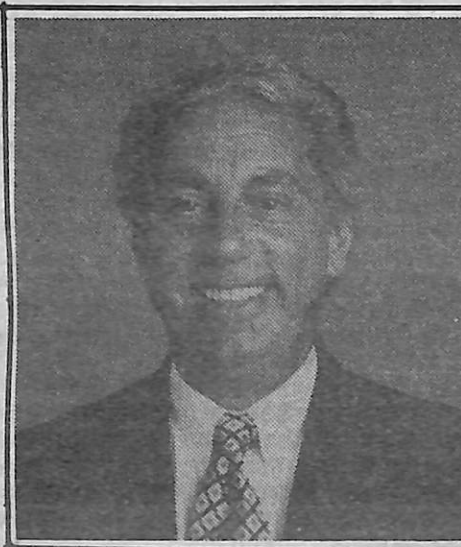
The panelists will be Ric Sardella, editor/publisher of *The Agawam Advertiser News*; Jack Farrell, staff writer of the *Union News*; and Barry Kriger, news anchor for WWLP TV22.

"The Agawam Chamber is proud to host this non-partisan candidates' forum," said Northup Vitro. "This candidates' forum and the Agawam Chamber's annual legislative breakfast offer us all opportunities to become more informed on the local issues that impact both business and the quality of life in the Agawam/Feeding Hills community."

Other upcoming Agawam Chamber of Commerce events include the chamber's annual breakfast on Friday, December 10th, at Oak Ridge Country Club.

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Campaign '99 - continued...**Letellier Outlines
Plans To Assist
Seniors In 2nd Term**

Agawam City Councilor and candidate for reelection, Attorney Gina-Marie Letellier, is proud to announce her plans for a second term:

"On Election Day, Tuesday, November 2, 1999, I ask for your vote of confidence so that I may be able to continue to serve our fellow citizens as an Agawam City Councilor. In my first press release, I focused on the ways in which I met the election promises I made in my first campaign to be your City Councilor.

"I also began to discuss some of the goals and challenges I want our community to meet in the next two years. In particular, I focused on the need for a Police and Fire Commission and/or a Public Safety Commission. I also indicated I would be discussing my plans to meet recreational needs and senior needs in future press releases.

"As our senior population continues to increase and our seniors stay healthier and more active, so do the needs of our Senior Center. It is not enough to merely say we need to increase the size and parking at the Senior Center. Everyone agrees on this.

"What is also necessary is to assess the needs and challenges we as a community face and how we can best meet the needs and wishes of a growing senior population. One of the areas I will address in my second term is more outreach to the seniors by school and community groups.

"As a granddaughter of grandparents that were served by the Senior Center and its programs, I am grateful for the assistance offered by the Senior Center. I also see a need that is currently unmet. I would like to see the Meals on Wheels program expanded to the weekends. The need for nourishing meals and a friendly hello does not end on the weekends. I have spoken to Richard Mundo at the Center about this need.

"I believe a partnership between the Senior Center and the many dedicated and active community groups in town could meet the nutritional needs of senior shut-ins on the weekends. If reelected, I will make expanding the Meals on Wheels program a priority," stated Letellier.

Letellier is a lifelong, fourth-generation resident of Agawam. She graduated with Honors from Agawam High, received a B.A. with Honors from Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, and received her J.D. from Western New England College School of Law.

In addition to being a member of the City Council, Letellier serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry and the Agawam Rotary Club; is Chair of the Agawam Democratic Committee, the Zoning Review Task Force, and the Agawam Rotary McCarroll Scholarship Committee; and an annual participant in the Agawam Parks and Recreation Department's Women's Softball League.

If you would like to participate in the Letellier campaign, volunteer on Election Day, want a sign, or wish to make a contribution, you can reach her at 739-2112 in the day and 786-4723 in the evening. She can also be reached on the web at ginalet@aol.com.

Campaign chair Walter "Terry" Letellier and treasurer Maryanne M. Letellier can be reached at 786-4723. Monetary contributions can be mailed to the Committee to Elect Gina M. Letellier, 150 Maple Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

**Keenan Slates His
Annual Pasta Dinner**

Please join State Representative Dan Keenan for an evening of great food at his annual Pasta Dinner on Thursday, October 28th at the Polish American Club on Southwick Street in Feeding Hills from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for senior citizens and children under 12. Tickets will be available to purchase at the door.

Dan looks forward to the dinner and encourages everyone to bring their appetite!

Please remember that our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, due to the fact that we're in the midst of a busy political season, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you...

**Teresa Kozloski
Seeks Reelection To
The School Committee**

In an open letter to the citizens of Agawam, Teresa Kozloski has announced her candidacy for reelection to the Agawam School Committee.

"As a School Committee member, I have witnessed many positive happenings in our schools, as well as some concerns. Let me review these and tell you what my position is:

"Communication: This overused word needs specifics. I was an early supporter of televising all meetings, of encouraging School Councils, of thoroughly examining all reports, especially the budget, during our School Committee meetings so that the public knows what is going on in our schools. Currently as chair of the Goals and Objectives Sub-committee, I have urged that students and parents be given a syllabus of what to expect in the classroom and in the course—content, books to be used, materials needed, and student expectations, in addition to general school rules.

"Curriculum: The Massachusetts Education Reform Act has put into place the frameworks for major academic subjects upon which the state assessment tests are based. I have always supported having our curriculum flow sequentially from kindergarten through 12th grade, and I believe we are finally doing this in Agawam with new books, rewritten curriculum, and professional development for our teachers.

"Accreditation: I am fully confident that our high school will receive full accreditation. Leadership is now stable and competent. We are putting into place all the recommendations that the Accreditation team has suggested including upgrading the Library with the infusion of additional funds for which I have fought. The Maintenance Dept., which is not under the jurisdiction of the School Committee, is cooperating to meet the Accreditation team's concerns. As in all our schools, we have an excellent educational program at the high school. Students must take full advantage of all the opportunities available to them.

"Safety: This is everyone's prime concern especially the parents. Whenever I have been called with parents' concerns with bus transportation and safety, I have always investigated it and followed the matter until the parents were satisfied with the outcome. In the future all kindergarten children should be bussed to and from school. As I have done recently, I will speak up when I believe poor maintenance is jeopardizing a safety factor and will see to it that it is corrected.

"The Budget: One of my most important responsibilities is examining and following the yearly budget. I study the budget carefully and continually monitor it. The budget process has improved since I have been on the School Commit-



TERESA KOZLOSKI

tee. We now have monthly reports of transfers. However, we need a better picture of what are the actual needs of our school system. This includes having full-day kindergarten. I certainly do not want any money wasted, and I do not want the budget process to be based on politics.

"School Culture: The majority of children begin kindergarten full of awe and enthusiasm. This spirit needs to be nurtured as they mature. Each child has his/her own needs, and to provide an educational system to meet all these needs is a tremendous challenge. I believe Agawam has the will and the ability to accomplish this. I have been a strong supporter of programs to answer diverse needs—reading programs, remedial work, course variety, vocational education, honors programs, special educational programs, summer school. I am grateful to parents and others who come forward in making me and others aware of the need to meet every child's needs.

"Extra-curricula Activities: I strongly support extra-curricula activities as much as our budget will allow. A student learns so much in participating in after school activities whether in music, drama, band, sports, and clubs. He/she makes new friends, understands teamwork, appreciates the arts, enjoys new challenges that differ from the class environment.

Please vote on November 2nd and remember to vote for KOZLOSKI. You won't be disappointed!

Meet The Candidate
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Town Council

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Bitzas Seeks Reelection To City Council

In a press statement released this week, Agawam City Councilor and candidate for reelection George Bitzas said:

"Two years ago, you, the people of Agawam, put your trust in me by reelecting me again as your Town Councilor. I did not disappoint you. As your Town Councilor, I have worked very hard with honesty, common sense, and integrity, to serve you and our town.

"I am very proud of my accomplishments and I feel my record speaks for itself. I pledge to you again that I will continue to be very active in making improvements in education, town services, streets and sidewalks, elderly services, public safety, community and economic development, veterans' issues, and the beautification of our community.

"Today, I am officially announcing my candidacy for reelection to the Agawam Town Council. I am asking you again for your vote on November 2nd and I am looking forward to continuing my service to you and our town," said Bitzas.

Bitzas includes the following as his contributions and accomplishments:

SCHOOL SYSTEM

Called for and worked hard for the expansion of all schools to alleviate over crowding.

Provided funding to maintain all existing school programs and the expansion of others.

Supported full-time nursing coverage in our schools.

Initiated workshops with state and local officials on gang and drug issues and repeatedly called to expand DARE programs in our Junior and Senior High Schools.

Supported and called for police presence on the High School grounds for our children's protection and safety.

HOMEOWNERS/PROPERTY

Voted and spoke in favor of lower tax rates for homeowners.

Supported and voted in favor of cutting property taxes without reducing any town services.

Started the town administration efforts to clean up illegal dumping and junking of cars.

Successfully introduced an ordinance to reduce, by five, the used car dealerships in our community and helping to retain our small town character.

Promoted beautification of our community to help maintain property values.

Co-sponsored, with the Beautification Committee, and successfully passed in the council an ordinance to have the owners of any real estate in town be responsible for keeping the sidewalks and tree belts mowed and clean.

INDUSTRIAL ZONING

Voted for tax incentives to promote and improve the Industrial Park (16 new companies).

Voted in favor and called for much-needed zoning changes to protect our neighborhoods and existing businesses.

SENIORS

Introduced legislation to improve home care services for our elderly. (Also saving tax dollars.)

Requested and worked for expanded and improved van services for the elderly.

Supported funding to offset state cuts in the Agawam Senior Center Nutrition program.

Lobbied for state grant to expand the Senior Center.

Supported, voted in favor, and urged other councilors to support having surviving spouses to pay only 50 percent, instead of 100 percent, of the cost of town insurance.

ROUTE 57

Gathered 2,500 signatures and continuously lobbied the state legislature to speed up their efforts to complete Rt. 57.

Rallied the town government to force the state to locate the off ramp away from the neighboring condominium community.

One of the first town councilors to oppose the new off ramps on Rt. 57 for proposed strip mall, which would cause traffic hazards and gridlock.

TOWN SERVICES

Introduced weekly garbage pick-ups and pushed for bulk and hazardous waste collections.

Promoted increased bus services.

Supported construction of modern fire station.

Repeatedly called for road and sidewalk improvements.

OPEN SPACES

Initiated town efforts to purchase Agawam Municipal Golf Course so as to preserve open space and bring revenue to our town.

Co-sponsored a resolution seeking the return of the Holyoke County Land in Agawam to Agawam.

Gathered over 700 of our townspeople signatures on a petition and urged the Governor and the State Legislature to support the transfer of 250 acres of land in our town from Hampden County.

VETERANS

Sponsored a resolution and rally to protest closing of the Holyoke Soldiers' Home.

Introduced a resolution supporting a constitutional amendment prohibiting flag desecration.

Supported and voted in favor of property tax exemption for veteran organizations, such as the VFW and the American Legion.

Co-sponsored a resolution (with Mayor Johnson and Veterans' Agent Ruth Bitzas) supporting the acceptance of the donation of 57 acres for the Veterans' Cemetery. Started and circulated a petition throughout Western Massachusetts, asking the legislators in Boston to appropriate money to have the cemetery building in Agawam.

RIVERSIDE PARK

Worked with Riverside officials to find ways and take action to ease the traffic problems on Main St. and River Road.

Sponsored a resolution with the Beautification Committee to support the construction of an ornamental bridge at Riverside Park to help ease the traffic problems.

Worked with the Beautification Committee and Riverside Park officials in designing the bridge, the ornamental post lights and the landscaping.

OTHER

Opposed so-called adult entertainment/nude dancing bars from coming into town.

The first town official to oppose siting of a casino in Agawam or in our surrounding communities.

Petitioned the state to require beer keep registration to discourage sales to minors.

Repeatedly called and help bring respect and dignity to our town meetings and during citizen



GEORGE BITZAS

speaking time.

"I am a graduate of Westfield State College," continued Bitzas, "and taught at the West Springfield Junior and Senior High Schools. Today, I am principal of the afternoon Greek School at St. George's Cathedral in Springfield. I am also an interior designer for Stickley in Enfield, CT.

"I am married to Peggy Conroy Bitzas and we have three children; two sons, graduates of the Agawam School System, and a daughter in the Agawam Junior High School.

"I would like to thank all of the people of Agawam for their support. I pledge to you again and that I will continue to work hard with honesty, integrity, and common sense, to bring Agawam forward into the 21st century.

"If you would like to help or join the Committee To Reelect George Bitzas, please call George or Peggy at 789-1464 and please leave a message. All are welcome to join our team. If you would like to send a contribution for the campaign, any amount would be greatly appreciated.

"Checks may be mailed to Committee To Reelect George Bitzas, 33 Fernwood Drive, Agawam, MA 01001. Thank you again for your continued support," concluded Bitzas.

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- Vice Chairman Zoning Task Force
- Attorney
- Past President and present member of Board of Directors, Agawam Lions Club

Committee to Elect Anthony C. Bonavita
John O'Brien, Chairman

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Honoring Jack Devine On The Occasion



Jack Devine, the guest of honor, has his boutonniere adjusted by his daughter, Brenda Theriaque, at his retirement party. This festive event took place at Chez Josef in Agawam on Sunday, September 12th.



Jack Devine with members of his family (from left to right): John Devine, son; Brenda & Bruce Theriaque, daughter & son-in-law; Jack Devine and his wife, Margaret; Gregg & Cathy Gerow, son-in-law & daughter; and Pat & Julia Devine, son & daughter-in-law.



Standing: Dr. & Mrs. Michael Haynes, Jack Devine, and Mr. & Mrs. John ZeBryk. Seated: Mr. & Mrs. George Bitzas, and Mr. & Mrs. Joe Rolak.



Standing: Jack Devine (standing, far left) socializes with family members, including grandchildren Dwayne (standing, far right), Brad (seated, second from left), and Brittany (seated, second from right).



Standing: Mr. & Mrs. David Pisano, Edie Chiba, Jack Devine, and Mr. & Mrs. Dick Pisano. Seated: Andree Luginbuhl and Larry Pisano.



Standing: Vinny & Rose Piliero, Jack Devine, and Christopher & Anna Johnson. Seated: Charles Heyl, Rev. Donald Morris, Nancy Thompson, Rosemary Sandlin, and Joann McGeoghan.

n Of His Retirement... (All Photos By Walt Steinmetz)



Ric Sardella (standing), editor/publisher of The Agawam Advertiser News, shakes Jack Devine's hand and thanks him for all of his years of dedicated service on behalf of the newspaper. Looking on is Jack's wife, Margaret.



Jack Devine (fourth from the left) with staff members of The Agawam Advertiser News: Lee Lacienski, Phil Benoit, Peggy Shoemaker, Ellen Lightcap, Ric Sardella, Teri Machia, Kathy Cassanelli, and Kathy Shepard.



Jack Devine (second from right), with his brothers Bob, Gene, and Don, and sister, Rose Crowley.



Standing: John Negrucchi, Peg Brown, Jack Devine, Anthony Bonavita, and John O'Brien. Seated: Diane Manseau, Maureen Price, Francine Lopes, and Raymond Scott.



Jack Devine (standing, center) poses with members of the Springfield Turnverein in Feeding Hills.



Standing: Rudy Altobelli, Richard Morassi, and Jack Devine. Seated: Bob Rossi, Nancy Swikalus, Joanne Brown, and Donald Rheault.

Campaign '99 - continued...

Morassi Says Agawam Needs An 'Early Warning Signal'

"Agawam needs an early warning signal," Attorney Richard C. Morassi, Agawam City Council candidate, said in a press statement this week. "We have been faced with a series of events that have impacted our government and are changing the face of our town, from the incinerator on Bondi's Island to Berkshire Power to land use and open space."

The former Associate City Attorney stated that an early referendum should be taken on matters like these, which have the potential to change the whole character of the town.

"A referendum gives the people a chance to vote on what they think is best for the town," Morassi said. He pledged, if elected, he will be alert for any gathering storm which would have a heavy impact on Agawam residents and will spearhead "People's Watch Committees" to do what is necessary to put these questions on the ballot, so the voters can have a direct say in resolving them.

"While most political or business questions need not, and should not, be answered by a referendum," Morassi declared, "there are sea-change issues which come along which the people should speak to directly by their vote. Even if a referendum is not binding, it is the only way to have the people speak with one voice on these big issues, and thereby guide the Mayor, Council, and School Committee."

He explained that referenda have been limited in the past for a variety of reasons, including a general reluctance by those in city government to utilize the procedure.

"It is true that a referendum takes up time and that time is valuable. However, if the issue is one that could impact the community for years to come, time spent studying and addressing such issues is time well-spent. Our charter and state laws, to their credit, permit this form of self-government, and we should use it."

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Council Candidate Russo Stresses Support Of Elderly Issues/Programs

In a press statement released this week, City Council candidate Louis J. Russo stressed his record supporting elderly issues and his ongoing involvement with elderly programs.

Russo stated, "I am known among our seniors as a friend who is there year-round and not just during elections. Because of my continued involvement with Agawam's seniors, I feel I have a thorough understanding of their concerns and needs." Russo has been a steady visitor to the Senior Center and has helped provide program tips, seminars, and speakers.

Russo has also been a board member of "The Friends of the Senior Center" and an associate member and volunteer for the Agawam Senior Olympics team.

Russo also states, "We must never forget that the seniors of our community are the ones who worked hard to make Agawam such a good place to live. Agawam's younger generations must not forget that what they are doing today is a continuation of what our seniors did before them. Our younger generations must also realize that, in time, they will also become Agawam's seniors. As such, we should ask ourselves how we want to be treated when we become elderly."

"For too many years, we have heard talk about what should be done to help Agawam's elderly," Russo states. "Unfortunately, talk of helping our seniors only happens at election time. It's as if the elderly only exist at election time. It is time to

stop the usual campaign talk and start getting serious about providing additional housing, transportation, recreation, and other services that our senior citizens require."

Russo, a strong advocate for elderly services, goes on to say, "We must look for ways to provide transportation for all our seniors. Whether it be new bus routes, additional vans, or other means, we must look for new ways to provide transportation for medical appointments or grocery shopping."

Russo continues, "We must look to new ways, using state and federal funds, to expand housing for our increasing senior population and upgrade the existing housing. We must provide a bigger and better Senior Center where our elderly can learn, play, and congregate. We must either expand the present state-owned center or build our own new and better one. I would prefer to build our own newer and larger center. It would be more cost effective to build a new one that we own than to add on to the present state-owned one."

Russo closes by saying, "As your city councilor, I will always continue to be involved and of help to our seniors. Being your councilor will enable me to do much more in providing programs and assistance to all our elderly. I will continue to show my support of our seniors through my continued actions and deeds and not through meaningless talk."

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- Friends of the Senior Center Board member
- Agawam Democratic Committee Secretary
- Coached youth Sports and Programs
- Chairman - Ambulance Study Committee
- Volunteer for Many School Programs
- Boy Scout Leader
- Agawam Veterans Council Volunteer
- Gifted and Learning Disabled Children's Programs
- Former Auxiliary Police Officer
- American Legion Chaplain
- Former Town Meeting member
- Agawam Historical Committee
- Senior Olympic Team Volunteer
- Agawam Unico
- Chairman - Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council
- Future Problem Solving Coach
- Unico National Deputy District Governor
- Gridiron Parent
- Honorary Deputy Sheriff
- Member Hamden County Task Force
- Constable
- Memorial Day Committee
- Veteran of Foreign Wars Chaplain

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Wednesday, October 20th

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The public is invited to join the Agawam Chamber at this important candidates' forum. The forum will also be cable-cast on Channel 15. To assist in the development of questions for Town Council and Mayoral Candidates, please return this form with your questions.

Question for Town Council Candidates:

Question for Mayoral Candidates:

Return by October 14th to the Agawam Chamber of Commerce Candidates' Forum, c/o Affiliated Chambers of Commerce, 1441 Main Street, Springfield, MA 01103.

Remember To Vote — November 2nd

Campaign '99 - continued...

Negrucchi Pledges Cooperation With New Administration

"The year 2000 could very well be the most important year in our city's history," said John Negrucchi, Agawam Town Councilor and candidate for reelection, in a press statement.

"The 90's marked a major change in our form of government by electing its first mayor. Ten years later, we now will see the first major administrative change since we changed to the mayoral form of government.

"With this change, as your Town Councilor, I pledge my cooperation and leadership during the transition to the newly-elected administration. This transition will be key to us as a council having the ability to do the people's work," said Negrucchi.

"I have previously listed my priorities - DPW garage, continued financial support for education, Tuckahoe project closure, library expansion, open space utilization, Bowles Road access, Senior Center expansion, and a second industrial park development.

"Without a spirit of cooperation and a positive working relationship with the administration, these goals and objectives will not be met. You, the voters, have told me that these priorities are yours, so I intend to continue to work on your behalf to make these goals become a reality.

"I look forward to the challenges and with your continued support, I will exert all my energies so we can achieve a smooth and positive transition," concluded Negrucchi.

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For photo coverage in The AAN, call us 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice prior to your event.

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Bitzas Believes In Improving Public Safety

In a campaign statement released this week, Agawam Town Councilor George Bitzas, a candidate for reelection, said, "As your city councilor, I have always worked hard and supported funding to improve our public safety. I called for a new, modern fire station so that the lives and property of our town would be better protected.

"We now have a beautiful, new, state-of-the-art fire station on Main Street, one that we can all be proud of. Together with our Feeding Hills station and our excellent Fire Department, the citizens of our community can feel safe and secure.

"I also, as your councilor, continue to work toward modernizing our police station with up-to-date technology. I called for and supported the expansion of our DARE program to all of our schools. I supported the presence of a police officer on the grounds of Agawam High School for the protection of our students.

"Our police force is one of the best in the area. Our officers are well-educated and they provide the best protection they can to our citizens. We are proud of the work they do, putting their lives on the line everyday, for our protection.

"We must all look forward, working together to have a town that we all are proud of. A town where we can live in safety and raise our families.

"Please vote November 2nd. I would greatly appreciate your vote," concluded Bitzas.

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"This is not to say I am automatically against any large project proposed for the community, but given the potential negative impact such large projects can have on the quality of life in Agawam, I feel it important that the community be given the opportunity to address the issue before it becomes fait accompli. The way to do this is by an early referendum."

Attorney Morassi was an Associate City Solicitor in the Agawam Law Department for 10 years, specializing in land use issues. He is a product of the Agawam School System and has been in general practice for more than 25 years, primarily in Agawam.

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BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1999 at 7:15 P.M., for all parties interested in the petition of LEE W. CLARK, who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-23, Paragraph B of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the continued use of a second housekeeping unit at the premises identified as: 67 HIGHLAND STREET.

Doreen Prouty
Acting Chairperson

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IN TOP PHOTO: "Mums" the word at Richard Stepanik & Sons' farm stand at 1033 Shoemaker Lane, Feeding Hills, as Rich Stepanik, Jr. holds just a few of the flowers that are currently available for sale. IN PHOTO BELOW: A couple of eye-catching scarecrows are on the job this month at E. Cecchi Farms, 1131 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



IN TOP PHOTO: Laura Cincotta, owner of Cincotta Farms at 1252 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, with some of the painted pumpkins that she is selling as Halloween decorations. IN PHOTO BELOW: Enjoying a bit of browsing at Cincotta's — Kristian and Marcie Burkholder. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



Please remember that our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, due to the fact that we're in the midst of a busy political season, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you...

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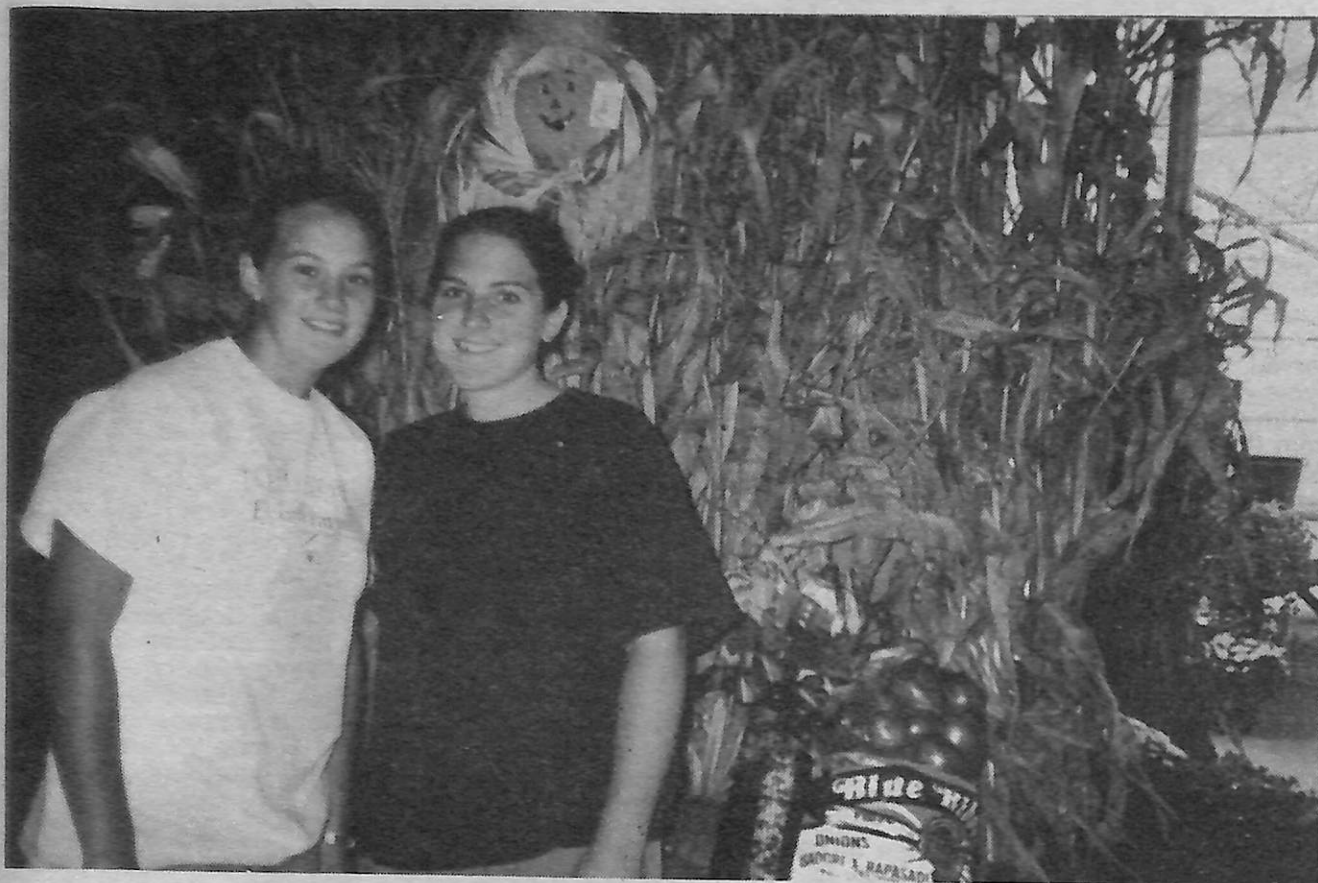
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IN LEFT PHOTO: Amid the cornstalks at E. Cecchi Farms are workers Aimee Beaudette and Jen Pietroniro. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Rich Stepanik, Jr. shows the many bows that are available at his family's farm stand. The bows are made by his mother, who helps out at the stand. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

Springfield Italian Women's Club To Hold Next Meeting On Mon., October 18th

The October 18th meeting of the Springfield Italian Women's Club will be held at Salvatore's, 1333 Boston Road, Springfield, MA.

Membership is open to all women of Italian heritage (either born Italian or married to an

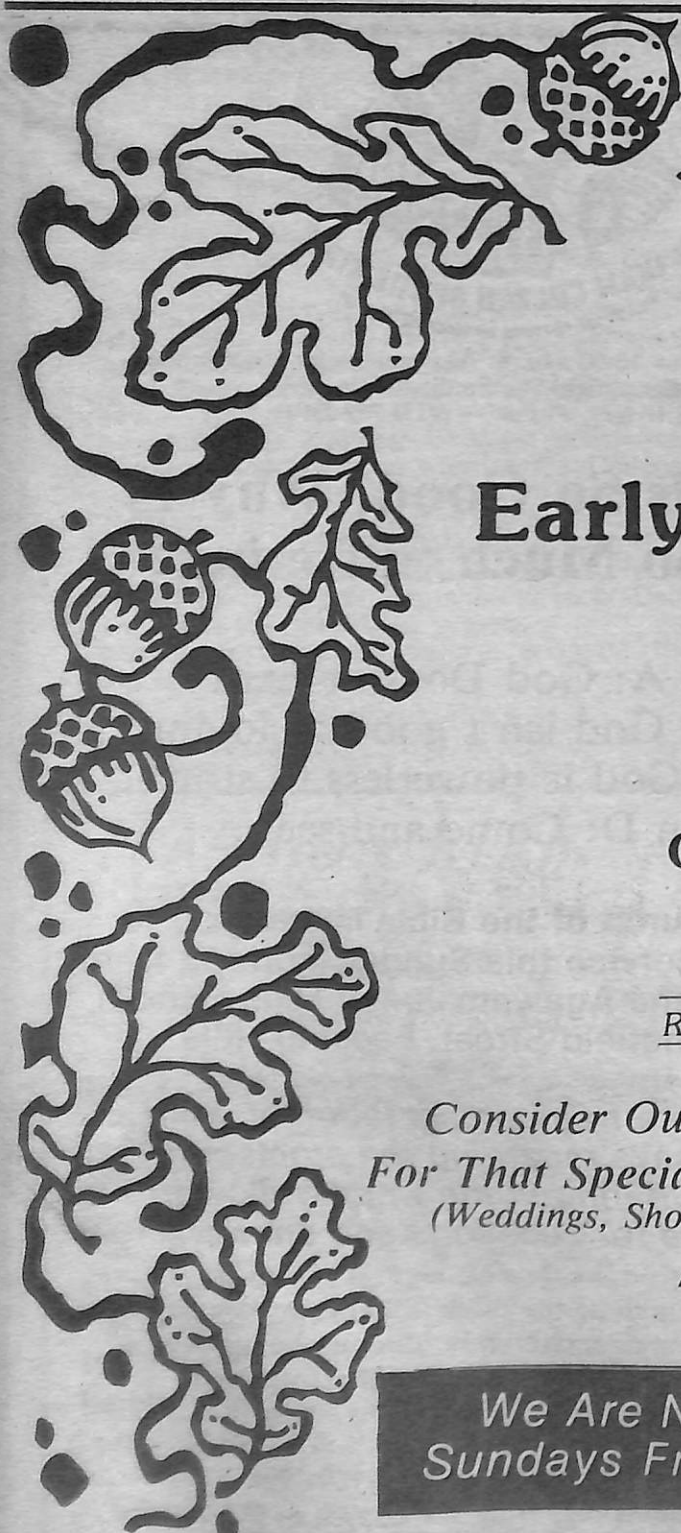
Italian).

Dinner will be served promptly at 6:30 p.m.

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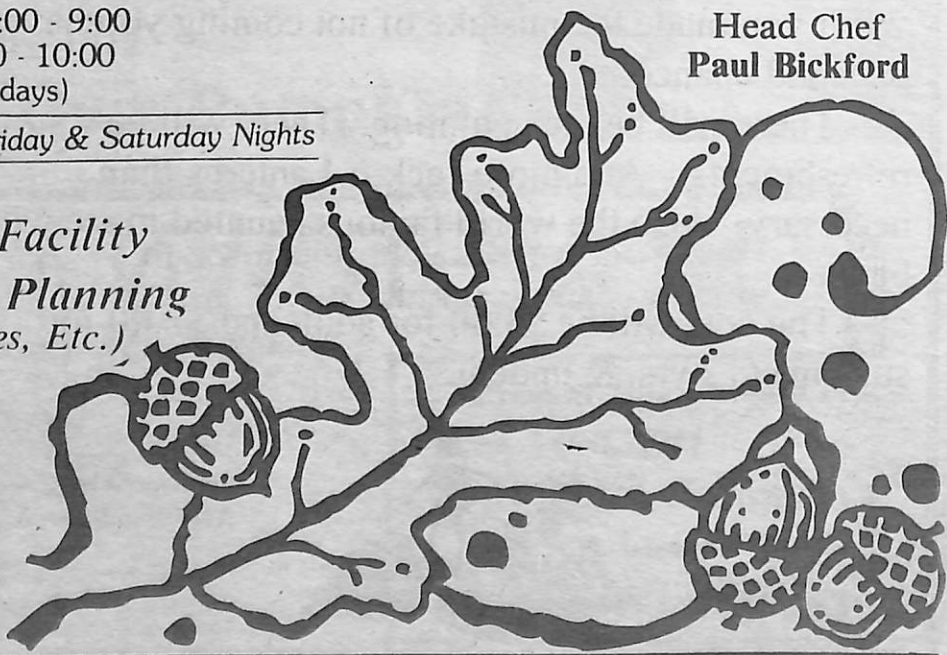
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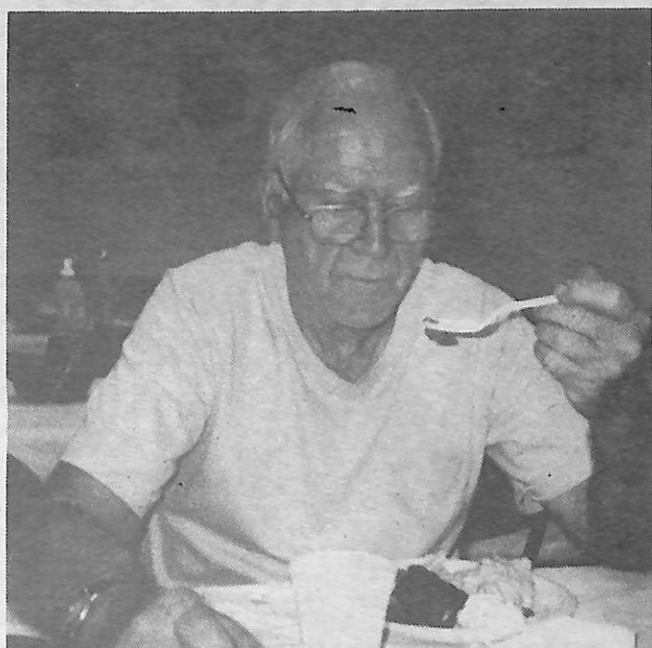
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AL BOOSKA enjoyed his breakfast on Sunday, September 26th, at the Masonic Lodge Building, 52 River Street (just off the Veterans' Bridge between Agawam and West Springfield). Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Ag. Senior Center's "Friends" Sponsoring Trip To Mohegan Sun

The "Friends" of the Agawam Senior Center will be sponsoring a trip to Mohegan Sun on Monday, October 18th.

We will be leaving from the Senior Center at 8:00 a.m., and leaving the Casino at 4:00 p.m. We will be home at 5:30 p.m.

The package includes \$15 meal and \$10 wheel, plus gratuity. The cost is \$16.

The trip is open to the public.

If interested, call Nellie Mathias at 786-9093, or stop by the Senior Center ticket booth (daily) from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Charity Picnic Slated At Agawam American Legion On Oct. 23rd

On Saturday, October 23rd, a Charity Picnic will be held from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. at the American Legion Post 185, 478 Springfield Street, Agawam.

Entertainment will be provided by three different bands, and there will be hot dogs, hamburgers, and beverages available.

At 5:00 p.m., a chicken barbecue dinner will be served, followed by music from the Bristol Old Tyme Fiddlers.

The cost is \$15 per ticket, and the proceeds from this event will benefit the American Legion Post 185 and Auxiliary Unit 185.

For tickets and/or more information, call Tina at 786-4806.

Agawam Garden Club To Meet On Oct. 12th At The Leonard House

The Agawam Garden Club will have the October meeting on Tuesday, October 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main St., Agawam.

The guest speaker will be Douglas Kimball, Sanctuary Director, Massachusetts Audubon Society: Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden, MA. At Laughing Brook, Doug develops and presents natural history and environmental education programs to schools, colleges, community organizations, and individuals.

Doug's topic will be how we impact our environment in our day-to-day lives. As gardeners, we are all interested in how we impact and maybe even how we can improve our environment for a better tomorrow, so you don't want to miss what Doug Kimball has to share with the group.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting. Guests and new members are always welcome. Guest fee is \$2.

West Spfld. High's Class Of 1979 To Hold 20th Reunion

The West Springfield High School Class of 1979 is celebrating their 20th reunion on Saturday, November 27th. If you know the whereabouts of the following classmates, please contact Betsy McCarthy at 733-5631, B.J. Lines McCormick at 564-6016, or Donna Manfredi Smart at DMS127560@aol.com, or Nathalie Jones DeChristopher at NATH6502aol.com:

David Ball, Lorraine E. Berube, David Borden, Raymond Camp, Carol Corr, Lee DeGray, Paula DelNero, Brian Demoracski, Andrea DeVito, Kim Ducan Nihill, Ethel Edwards, Christina Fleming, Patricia Ford, Kim Fuller Burdick, Lisa Golazewski, Frank Goodman, Janice Hall, James Hussey, Eugene Kelly, Lisa & Lori LaFrance, Pamela Lamothe, Julianne Larkin, Deborah LeBlance, Miriam Lesiak, Elizabeth Maas, Mark Mednard, Michael Napolitan, Richard Napolitan, Dwight Northup, Timothy Paine, Douglas Perdue, Jeffery Latenik, Wayne Post, Deborah Powell, Jackson Reynolds, Stephen Reilly, Daniel Richard, Velvet Rock, Gina Santaniello, David Snyder, Mark Summers, John Szczepanek, Cynthia Szostkiewicz, Michael Therrian, Carol Webber, Jerelyn Welker, Valerie Whitehead, Dolores Wolf, Ronald Zing.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, October 14, 1999 at 7:45 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Premier Parks, Inc. for work to be performed at 1623 Main Street, subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
Published: October 7, 1999

PUMPKIN NIGHT

THE RETURN!

OCTOBER 29, 1999

7:00-9:30 P.M.

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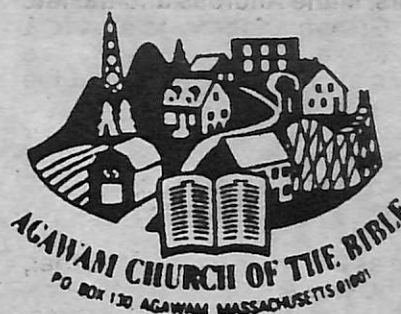
It's back by popular demand- Pumpkin night. If you were there last year, you know how fun it was, and if you made the mistake of not coming you have a second chance.

There will be face painting. There will be refreshments. And more Jack-o-Lanterns than necessary. Also the world famous haunted maze will be there.

The cost will be \$3.00 for adult and \$2.00 for students (12 yrs. & under).



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Agawam Church of the Bible invites you to their Special Service this Sunday morning from 10-11 A.M. at the Agawam Junior High School, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

This will be a frank presentation of what the Bible says regarding the problem of evil and suffering in the world, followed by a period for questions and answers.

Agawam Church of the Bible is a contemporary, non-denominational church holding to the historic creeds of the Christian faith. We meet weekly at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday mornings at the Agawam Junior High.

Call Brad Wright, Pastor at 789-2904
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Senior Center Executive Dir. Speaks About Y2K...

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

(This is the third in a series of articles intended to summarize presentations made by public officials who spoke at a Y2K Forum at St. David's Church in Feeding Hills on Sept. 15th)

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, in a September 17th speech at a daylong conference of federal regulators, expressed doubt that the United States would suffer widespread computer failures due to the Year 2000 date change. But everyone, from the position of Federal Reserve Chairman to local school student, has heard of Y2K. The reason? Almost all of society's transactions, from banking to billing, from services to supplies, from transportation to television, are dependent on computers.

The issue concerns Richard Mundo, Executive Director of the Agawam Senior Center and president of the Western Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging, because he works so closely with the elderly, whose best traits could be turned into weaknesses if they are not adequately warned of the potential Y2K can make for scam artists.

Mundo ran a Y2K forum for the Western Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging in September, and he also made a presentation at a Y2K Forum held at St. David's Church on Springfield Street in Feeding Hills on September 15th. Leonard Cowan, Pastor of St. David's Church, saw the need to address Y2K for the benefit of the community, to answer questions, and to make contingency plans known to the public.

Reverend Cowan sent a letter to several public officials and persons whose positions would be pivotal in a time of upset or emergency. A list of three questions was included in the letter, with the request to answer those questions in the space of five minutes. Everyone who attended felt that the Forum achieved its purpose of promoting thoughtful conversation about the upcoming turn of the century and making contingency plans known to the public.

"Seniors Are Very Trusting..."

"Seniors are very trusting. They grew up during the Depression, so they know how valuable money is. They also want to be polite. Many of them have high regard for authority figures, such as doctors, bankers, or lawyers. Scammers know this and try to turn it to their own account. We will work to prevent our seniors from falling prey to their schemes. One of the ways we are trying are classes held at Agawam High School. In an ironic twist, the students are teaching the elderfolk how to use computers.

"Our responsibility is to warn the elderly on such things as to never give out their Personal Identification Number (PIN), their bank account, or their Social Security number to anyone, ever, over the phone, or even in person, to someone they don't know, especially if that person came door-to-door.

"We have heard of people going door-to-door, stating that they work for the bank or the Senior Center. These institutions just do not operate this way. Red flags should go up," Mundo said.

Mundo has met with representatives from the gas company, the electric company, and the banking commission, and the consensus is that there



RICHARD MUNDO, Executive Director of the Agawam Senior Center. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

will be no major disruption. He expects that "on January 3, 2000, the Agawam Senior Center will be up and running and able to serve meals."

Mundo has been in touch with contacts for Social Security, who have assured him that SSI

and SSDI should be okay. He spoke with Baystate Medical Center's chief executive officer, who reports that they've examined 15,000 pieces of equipment, from elevators to machines that keep intravenous running, to other equipment that uses computers. They are all Y2K ready.

Suggested Steps To Take...

Mundo suggests that people check with their long-distance phone carriers and any of the other providers of goods and services to ask what they have done to become Y2K compliant. Check with insurance companies, other hospitals, or securities companies to learn what steps they have taken to make the transition into 2000 a smooth one.

Mundo has obtained a Bell Atlantic Grant in conjunction with Career Point in Holyoke. This grant will pay students to teach senior citizens how to run computers. The classes started September 28th and will run through November 18th at Agawam High School on Tuesdays and Thursdays. A future article in *The Agawam Advertiser News* will cover more on this promising story.

With young people sharing their aptitude for computers with the older folks, there is no doubt that our community will remain stable and viable as we move into the 21st century. However things turn out, December 31, 1999 is bound to be one of the most exciting New Year's Eves ever. After all, how many people actually live to experience a turn of the century?

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

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Doreen Prouty
Acting Chairperson

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PICTURED ABOVE are the members of the LaFleur family who attended a recently held reunion. This first-ever reunion took place in Goshen, Massachusetts.

LaFleur Family Holds First Reunion

Recently, a LaFleur family reunion (the first one ever) was held at Holy Cross Campground in Goshen, Mass. Over 90 relatives were in attendance.

The person who traveled the furthest was Lisa (Stroble) Ladd, granddaughter of Beatrice Brodeur, from Las Vegas. The rest of the Stroble family came here from various towns surrounding Fairborn, Ohio. Other family relatives traveled from Connecticut, New Hampshire, and the eastern part of Massachusetts.

The originating couple was Edgar and Rose LaFleur. They had six children (a son, Justin, died at a young age). The others were Beatrice Brodeur, Leah Coleman, Antoinette Wallace, Madelene McGovern, and Irving LaFleur. The only remaining person living of that generation is Edna

LaFleur, widow of Irving LaFleur.

Those families attending from Agawam were Lil Doyle, Al & Elaine Taupier, Jackie & John Deane and family, Bob & Lisa Taupier and family, Bud Perry, Ruth Perry, Dennis & Ann Marie Perry and family, Lynn Chicoine and family, and Mickey and John Bandarra and family.

Many of the relatives brought pictures from years past and it was interesting to see the changes the years have brought. It also gave an opportunity to follow the family tree (a board showing the lineage of the families) and view pictures of those who were no longer with us. Everyone was putting faces on some of the people who had been just names up to now.

Everyone was pleased to have such a great turnout and a great time was had by all.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, October 11th: Columbus Day (Senior Center closed).

Tuesday, October 12th: Tortellini soup, turkey, cheese, lettuce & tomato on a grinder roll, pineapple.

Wednesday, October 13th: Baked chicken leg, butternut squash, mashed potatoes, brownie.

Thursday, October 14th: Swedish meatballs on egg noodles, peas, chocolate pudding.

Friday, October 15th: Clam chowder, egg salad on a roll, tossed salad, mixed fruit.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)



French Toast Breakfast On Oct. 17th...

The Agawam Senior Games Athletes will hold a French Toast Breakfast on October 17th at the Agawam Senior Center.

There will be continuous servings from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The menu will consist of french toast, sausage, orange juice, and coffee, milk, or tea. We will also have egg substitute for those who can't have eggs.

ASGA will be assisted by the Agawam Lions Club, who will do the cooking. This promises to be a very enjoyable morning with family and friends. We hope to see many of our friends and civic leaders come out for this event.

Tickets will be \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 10. Tickets may be obtained from any member of ASGA or at the Senior Center.

Rather have pancakes? Come along, we'll make them for you!!!

Agawam High's Class Of 1944 Schedules 55th Reunion Weekend

The Agawam High School Class of 1944 will hold its 55th class reunion on Saturday, October 30th and Sunday, October 31st.

On Saturday evening, the alumni and their guests will meet at the Monte Carlo Restaurant in West Springfield at 5:30 p.m. with a cocktail hour, followed by dinner at 6:30.

On Sunday morning at 10:00, a brunch will be enjoyed at the Ivanhoe Restaurant in West Springfield.

Committee members include Susie Cotton, Marjorie Colli, Alice McMullen, Ralph Barker, Frank Carleo, Joyce Colburn, Alice Quick, and Elizabeth Wescott.

Reservations with payment should be sent to Marjorie Colli no later than October 13th.

ADVERTISER NEWS

Annual Fall Book Sale Slated At West Spfld. Library

The Friends of the West Springfield Public Library will be holding their annual Fall Book Sale on Friday, October 15th and Saturday, October 16th.

The sale will be in the Youth Room of the West Springfield Public Library, 200 Park St., from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days.

The large collection of books are sorted and arranged by categories making selection easier. Paperbacks are priced from 25 cents and up. The hard-cover books are priced from 50 cents and up. Children's books, cookbooks, how-to, biographies, novels, romances, historical, mysteries, and science fiction are among the fine selection of books for sale.

The proceeds from the book sale benefit the Friends of the West Springfield Library. The Friends is an active group that sponsor the Children's Summer Reading Program, support the book, audio, and visual collections, special cultural events, and offers free passes to area museums and Forest Park Zoo. In addition, the Friends purchase much-needed library equipment and furnishings.

Jozette Gryzberg, chairperson of the event, says that there is an especially fine selection of books, so plan to come to the West Springfield Library on October 15th and 16th. Book lovers will find the best bargains in town.

Navy Fireman Veronicalynn LaValley Visits Singapore

Navy Fireman Veronicalynn M. LaValley, daughter of Phyllis A. and Jules J. LaValley, Sr. of 97 Silver St., Agawam, recently made a port visit to Singapore, while on a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian oceans and Arabian Gulf aboard the fast combat support ship USS Sacramento.

During the visit, Sailors from LaValley's ship moved and painted playground equipment and donated a truckload of supplies to a local children's home. Among the items donated were three pallets of children's school books, library books, juices, jams, and personal hygiene items.

USS Sacramento's main mission is to support the fleet through underway replenishment. The ship transports bulk petroleum products from shore depots directly to other auxiliary ships or combat forces underway.

LaValley's ship is capable of carrying more than 150,000 barrels of fuel, 625 tons of ordnance, 360 tons of dry provisions, and 60 tons of refrigerated foods. USS Sacramento gives battle group commanders the capability, flexibility, and mobility to sustain deployed forces underway for long periods.

The 1998 graduate of Agawam High School joined the Navy in July 1998.

COA's "Beginner Line Dance Classes" To Start On Monday Morning, October 18th

The Agawam Council on Aging is hosting "Beginner Line Dance Classes" on Monday mornings from 10:00-11:00 a.m. starting October 18th.

No partner is necessary. All types of dances from Broadway to Western, including polka, cha-cha, waltz, rumba, the Charleston, and fox trot will

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Cost is \$2 per person per lesson. Instructor is Nancy Alty.

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WITH COOL TEMPERATURES AND THE FALL FOLIAGE, town residents are taking advantage of the great outdoors during the early days of autumn in New England, such as Lorraine and Chic Maniscalchi. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

For photo coverage in The AAN, call us 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice prior to your event.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM OFFICE OF PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Agawam Office of Planning and Community Development will hold a public hearing regarding a Public Works Economic Development (PWED) Grant Application. The application is to seek PWED funding to make intersection improvements and conduct some minor widening on Main Street. The hearing will be held at 7:00 PM at the Agawam Planning Board meeting of Thursday, October 21, 1999 at the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.
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Got A Hair, Nail Or Beauty Problem? Send Us A Note, And We Will Answer It In Our Column...

Question: What basic make-up tools do I really need?

Answer: Depending on how much make-up you use will depend on the tools you need to do the job for you. I suggest to invest in a good set of quality make-up brushes and sponges.

You may feel more comfortable applying some cosmetics with your fingertips; however, if you have a problem applying make-up, the right brushes can make all the difference.

Price usually indicates quality, but you should also be aware of how the bristles feel. If too soft, it will not pick up and deposit color correctly; too prickly and it could irritate and possibly pierce the skin.

Quick test: run the brush over the back of your hand. A good sign is when the bristles all move in the same direction; a bad sign — when they "play" on the skin, thus offering little control and poor application.

Eyeshadow application is simple with a sponge tip applicator, but can cause intense color. If you don't want that look, try using a soft-bristled brush with tapered sides and a rounded tip for a sheer finish.

Eyeliner brushes should be a small, fine-tipped brush tapered to a point for a precision line.

Lip brushes should have firm bristles which are tapered to a flat square tip.

Sponges can be great for applying or just for blending make-up. Look for the triangular latex wedge, as this shape is perfect to work around the nose or sweep under the eyes.

(Continued next week...)

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**TOWN OF AGAWAM
AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, October 14, 1999 at 7:30 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Tennessee Gas Pipeline for work to be performed on Suffield Street, subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission

Published: October 7, 1999

**Happy 16th
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**Corinne Miller
Engaged To Wed
Daniel Cheffer**

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Miller of Blandford, MA announce the engagement of their daughter, Corinne Miller, to Daniel Cheffer, son of Mr. & Mrs. John Cheffer of Simsbury, CT.

Corinne graduated from Agawam High School in 1991 and is a student at Westfield State College. She is a part-time counselor at a residential home for teenage girls.

Daniel graduated from Westfield State College with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He is pursuing a master's degree in business administration and is currently employed at The Hartford Insurance Co.

An August wedding is being planned.



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David Halberstam To Open 64th Spfld. Public Forum Series On October 12th

The 64th season of the Springfield Public Forum Series of free celebrity lectures will begin on Tuesday, October 12th, at Symphony Hall in downtown Springfield.

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist David Halberstam will lead off with a talk entitled "The Culture of Celebrity," co-sponsored by Baystate Medical Center. Its Chief Executive Officer, Mark R. Tolosky, will preside as chairman of the forum.

Three lectures will follow the Halberstam opener: Anthony Lake, former National Security Advisor to President Clinton and Five College professor of International Studies, on Thursday, October 21st; Pete Hamill, novelist, journalist, and screenwriter, on Wednesday, November 3rd; and Caroline Alexander, writer, curator, and adventurer, on Wednesday, November 10th. She will relate the saga of Sir Ernest Shackleton's doomed voyage to Antarctica as portrayed in her current book, *The Endurance*.



JOURNALIST DAVID HALBERSTAM

All forums will take place at 7:30 p.m. in Symphony Hall on Court Street, Springfield. They are made possible on an admission-free basis by co-sponsorships with local institutions, program advertising, and series memberships.

These start at \$10 and entitle the holder to meet the speakers at book-signing receptions in the Mahogany Room. A special patron membership is available from \$101 to \$300. This includes an invitation to attend dinners on a cost-basis that honor the speakers.

While ample parking will be available to all in the I-91 garage, those with patron memberships (and up) will receive passes courtesy of the Springfield Parking Authority, enabling them to park at no charge. They will also be entitled to reserved seating in the front section of the auditorium.

Memberships may be obtained at Symphony Hall on the night of each forum, and by writing to the Springfield Public Forum Series, 241 Chicopee Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

A 1955 graduate of Harvard College, David Halberstam began his career that year as a reporter with the *West Point Mississippi Daily Times Ledger*. From 1960 to 1967, he was a member of the staff of *The New York Times*. During this period, he served as correspondent to the Congo, Vietnam, and Warsaw, Poland. He also was with the New York

City bureau of *The Times*, and later became a contributing editor of *Harper's Magazine*.

Halberstam first came to national prominence in the early 1960's as a part of a small handful of American reporters who refused to accept the official optimism about Vietnam and who reported that the war was being lost. His reporting so annoyed President Kennedy that he asked the publisher of *The New York Times* to transfer Halberstam to another bureau. At the age of 30, he was awarded a Pulitzer Prize for his Vietnam reporting.

Halberstam's trilogy of books on power in America — *The Best and Brightest*, *The Powers That Be*, and *The Reckoning* — have helped define the latter part of this century and have won him many awards. They deal with, respectively, the path that the Kennedy-Johnson Administrations used to take America to war in Vietnam; the dramatic and

sudden rise of the power of modern media; and the ascent of the Japanese as a rival economic superpower.

His book, *The Next Century*, defines the American agenda as it heads toward the year 2000. His best-seller, *The Fifties*, examines a decade Halberstam considers as seminal in shaping the America of today. In 1997, it was the subject of an eight-part series broadcast nationally on cable television's The History Channel.

In 1998, Halberstam released *The Children*, which chronicles the lives of eight young civil rights activists he met in 1960 as a reporter. Earlier this year, his biography of Michael Jordan was released, entitled *Playing for Keeps: Michael Jordan and the World He Made*.

Halberstam's talk will be followed by a book-signing reception in the Mahogany Room at Symphony Hall.

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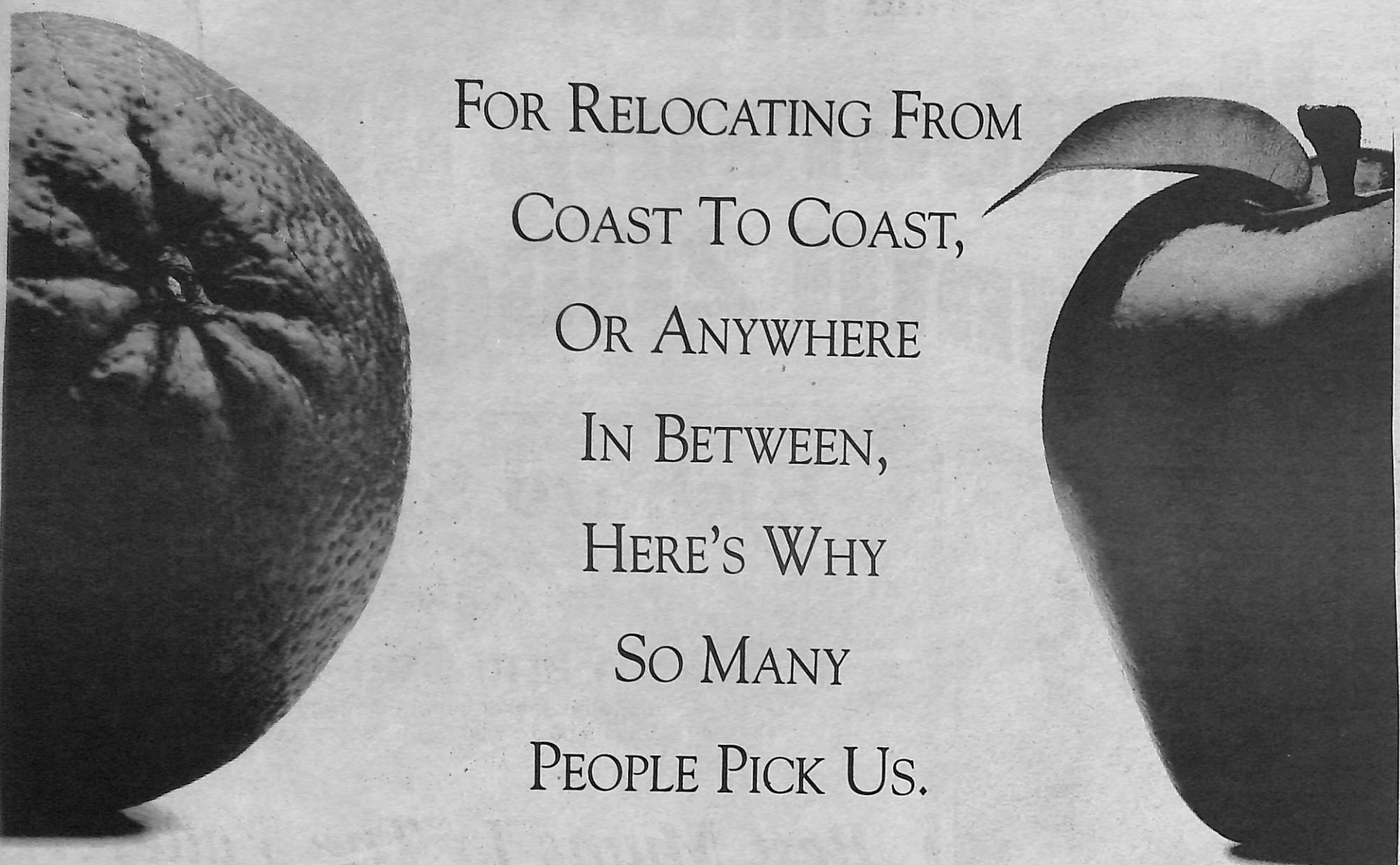
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The Town of Agawam will sponsor the following flu vaccinations clinics:

Thursday, October 14th, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center; Friday, October 15th, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Danahy Schoolhouse; and Monday, October 18th, 1:00-3:00 p.m., at the Pleasant Hill Community Center.

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Church News

News And Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Sunday morning service of worship begins at 10:00 a.m.

This week will be Laity Sunday. Debbie Donaldson will be Lector. Ushering will be Bill and Kathy Rose. Rich Rozanski and Jeff Chapman will be our acolytes.

The Board of Christian Education will host our coffee hour. Youth will leave at a designated time for a craft project this week.

Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

Don't forget! This Sunday, we will have our monthly collection for the West Springfield/Agawam Parish Cupboard. Bags of groceries and articles of clean, usable clothing are needed.

Please bring your items to the Open Pantry table in the sanctuary. Envelopes will be available in the sanctuary on the Open Pantry collection table for cash donations.

Volunteers are needed to make desserts for the Parish Cupboard (Open Pantry) on Wednesday, October 13th. If you are able to make a dessert (brownies, sheet cake, cookies, etc.), please have your contribution to the church kitchen by 12:00 noon on Wednesday.

A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in Griswold Hall.

The Confirmation Class will meet here at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, October 8th, with the class from Southwick Congregational Church. Planned getting-to-know-you activities include a midnight run to Dunkin' Donuts!

Confirmation Class is open to students from grades seven through 12 and will take place on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Please call Rev. Rob if you have a question.

The Agawam/West Springfield CROPWALK will take place in Agawam on Sunday, October 17th. Registration begins at St. David's Church at 1:00 p.m. The walk itself will begin at 2:00 p.m. If you are interested in supporting this event, speak to the recruiter at your church or call this church at 786-5061.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated locally to the Open Pantry in West Springfield. There is also a special challenge to all CROPWALK communities this year that could net Church World Service \$20,000. Call Rev. Donaldson at 786-5061 for details.

The Board of Christian Education will sponsor a Family Movie Night on Friday, October 15th, at 7:00 p.m. A video appropriate for the entire family will be shown.

Bring your kids, their friends, and some pillows to cuddle up with. Snacks will be provided.

On the calendar:

Friday, October 8th: 6:00 p.m., Confirmation Class Retreat with Southwick Congregational (here).

Saturday, October 9th: 2:00 to 7:00 p.m., Griswold Hall in use.

Sunday, October 10th: 10:00 a.m., Laity Sunday/Parish Cupboard; 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., Church of Redemption.

Monday, October 11th: 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Trustees; 7:00 p.m., Christian Ed.

Tuesday, October 12th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:00 p.m., Stewardship/Missions.

Wednesday, October 13th: Parish Cupboard desserts needed; 2:45 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Choir.

Thursday, October 14th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Cancer Support Group Meetings At Mercy Hospital In Spfld.

Persons with cancer, their families, and friends are invited to attend Mercy Hospital's Cancer Support Group. The free meetings are conducted Mondays at 7:00 p.m., in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center, 299 Carew St.

The group offers information on topics of interest to cancer patients, and provides an opportunity to share experiences in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Meetings are facilitated by Sr. Madeleine Joy, S.P., of Mercy's Pastoral Care Department.

For more information, call the Pastoral Care Department, (413) 748-9453.

"I'll Make Sure I Don't Miss A Spot..."



RICKY WALKER is shown washing a van at Agawam Baptist Church last Saturday, October 2nd. The car wash was held to raise money for the church's youth group. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Calendar Of Activities From St. John's Church

PARISH MISSION — OCTOBER 23RD-27TH

The goal of the Franciscan Mission is to reclaim and bring back to life the beautiful truths revealed to us 2000 years ago through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Through story, song, sacrament, and prayer, this special week of grace will bring us face to face with God's radiant and generous love, and will awaken within our hearts the love, peace, healing and reconciliation for which we all yearn so deeply. You will find Fr. Daniel Lanahan and Fr. Brennan Connelly (both O.F.M.) joyful, rejuvenating, and energizing.

The Friars will preach at all the Masses that weekend, and there will be a Morning Mass with a talk at 8:30 a.m. and a special service each evening at 7:00 p.m., Monday through Wednesday.

Plan to join us and treat yourself to a precious gift.

1999 CONFIRMATION CLASS

This year's Confirmation Class will participate in the Transfer Service at the 9:30 Mass. The Baptismal Candle will be symbolically transferred to the candidates as they prepare to assume their role in the adult community of Faith.

Retreat night: October 11th, leaving at 5:00 p.m. Confirmation will be here at St. John's on Monday night, October 18th, at 7:00 p.m.

TRAFFIC ATTENDANTS

For the safety of the children at Rel. Ed. Classes, we can use some help controlling the cars dropping off and picking up children.

Anyone who can help (even part-time) is asked to call Annette Reynolds, 786-8105.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

The C.W.C. will meet on October 11th at 7:30

p.m. to pray a "Living Rosary." Members participating are asked to meet in the church foyer at 7:15 with flashlights.

Monthly meeting will follow in the Parish Center. New members and guests are welcome.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Rehearsal for new altar servers will be in the church on Wednesday, October 13th, at 7:00 p.m. All young people (fourth grade and up) are welcome to come.

YOUTH GROUP

A hay ride has been scheduled for Saturday, October 23rd, for students in grades five and up.

Mark this date on your calendars (more information will be forthcoming).

CROP WALK

The Annual Crop Walk for the Hungry will take place on October 17th. The walk will begin at St. David's Church.

Registration begins at 1:00 p.m., with the 10K walk starting at 2:00 p.m.

We will have baskets available at the church doors that weekend for those who would like to contribute but are unable to walk.

BAZAAR

Christmas decorations will be welcomed by the Decorations Committee. Please bring all your old and discarded decorations for the Bazaar.

LADIES EXERCISE BEGINS THE FALL SESSION
Class schedule: Monday, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:15 p.m.; and Saturday, 10:15 a.m.

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submitted by
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How To Be Truly Happy...

"If only I had (fill in your own blank), I'd finally be happy!" We often say that, but is it really true? Think about it for a moment.

When have we said that before? About what? Did we actually get what we wanted? On those occasions we got what we wanted so badly, was our heart totally satisfied? Did the happiness last, or did it fade away over time?

We live in a world which tries to convince us that things can make us happy. "Shop 'til you drop," they say. But Jesus says that's not true. "Be on your guard against all kinds of greed," He said, for "a person's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

Jesus was not against happiness; in fact, just the opposite is true. Jesus also said, "I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." Jesus' promise that "your joy may be complete" finishes a thought. He was telling His disciples how to obtain, as well as to keep, real joy.

"As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Now remain in My love. If you obey My commands, you will remain in My love, just as I have obeyed My father's commands and remain in His life. I have told you this..." The joy of Jesus, the joy which can be complete in us, is available to any and all, but only on one condition: "Remain in My love."

People have a tendency to want the benefits of something without paying the cost. Some people want success without working hard for it. Others want intimacy apart from commitment. Nothing that is worth having costs us nothing. The best things in life aren't free, they just don't cost money. But, make no mistake; if it's worth having, it'll cost us something.

Jesus once told a story, which on the surface is difficult to comprehend, because it seems to show God as having a dark side. In this particular story, Jesus compared the kingdom of heaven to a wedding banquet prepared by a king on behalf of his son. When all was ready, he sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

Needless to say, the king was upset, but then he told his servants, "Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you can find." So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. But

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when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes.

"Friend," he asked, "how did you get in here without wearing wedding clothes?" The man was speechless. Then the king told the attendants, "Throw him outside." * * *

In Jesus' story, the man attended the wedding, but didn't abide by the conditions attached to the invitation, which was to wear wedding clothes. He wanted the benefit, but wasn't willing to pay the cost.

In today's world, there are some people who want the blessings which flow from God, but don't want to abide by the conditions attached to those blessings. They don't realize that the much greater blessings flow from knowing the Giver, rather than merely clutching the gift!

If we attempt to be happy apart from God, we're only spinning our wheels and setting ourselves up for frustration. History is replete with story after story of people who should have been happy, because of their accomplishments, wealth, or whatever, but were not. They weren't truly happy because they sought happiness from the wrong source.

"Money can't buy me love," sang the Beatles, and it can't buy us happiness, either. C.S. Lewis once said, "God designed the human machine to run on Himself. He is the fuel our spirits were designed to burn ... That is why it is no good asking God to make us happy in our own way without bothering about religion. God cannot give us happiness apart from Himself, because there is no such thing."

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Philippian Church, **Rejoice in the Lord, always. I will say it again: Rejoice!** The word rejoice has within it a sense of being emphatic. Paul wasn't saying, "be happy." He was saying, "BE HAPPY!!!"

The dictionary defines rejoice as "to be glad, happy, or delighted." Paul directed his readers to where true rejoicing is possible. When the cause of our happiness is temporal, our happiness will only be temporary.

But when our focus is right, our joy will be bright! When the cause of our happiness is the eternal and almighty God, our happiness will last. That is why Paul said, **Rejoice in the Lord.** He then went on to write, **The Lord is near.**

God, who cannot be contained by the universe, is close to us. That's a good reason to rejoice!

Sponsored By Catholic Women's Club...

"Living Rosary" At St. John's Church On Monday, Oct. 11th

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will hold a Living Rosary on Monday, October 11th, at 7:30 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main Street, Agawam.

Betsy Ciempa is chairperson of the evening's program. The church will illuminate as each member lights a flashlight they will be carrying and recites the prayer for one bead of the rosary.

Members who will be participating in the service are asked to bring a flashlight and meet in the Parish Center by 7:00 p.m.

After the service, members will return to the Parish Center for the October business meeting and a social. The hospitality chairwoman for the evening is Stella Longhi.

New members are welcome!

Bethany Assembly Of God Schedules Its Annual Fair

"Gifts & Good Taste" Annual Fair, sponsored by Bethany Assembly of God Women's Ministries, is being held at the Captain Leonard House, Main St., Agawam on Saturday, October 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Holiday gifts and decorations, handmade gift items, gift baskets, and bake sale will be offered for your holiday giving and enjoyment.

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Financial Solutions For Blended Families (Part I)...

The blending of families that results from remarriage often comes with a unique set of challenges. When you pronounce an encore "I do" and a new family is created — composed of two sets of children — the emotional and financial needs of each group must be considered.

Here are some points to consider as you enter a union and prepare to live happily ever after:

Take a close look at combined family resources. If you've become accustomed to living on a single income, at first glance it may appear that your finances will improve considerably by adding a working spouse to the picture.

But before you go out and buy that new car, consider the cost of daycare for additional children, potentially higher housing costs, higher taxes, and a larger food budget. A first step may be to carefully review both sets of incomes and expenses and determine a combined family budget.

To mix or not to mix. Some blended families choose to separate assets and liabilities, while others opt to combine them. While one option may work well for some, it may not be the best solution for others.

The important thing is to make a decision together about how your finances will be handled so there is no miscommunication. For example, if your children are older and closer to college age and you've amassed a substantial amount in their savings accounts, it may be unwise to combine those assets with those of a new spouse with younger children and fewer assets.

The same may be true with liabilities. In some cases it might make sense to combine debt to reduce a payment, but you should carefully consider each situation before making a consolidation decision.

Set short- and long-term financial goals. Agreeing on short- and long-term financial goals should be a high priority when entering into a blended-family marriage. Since the union may be occurring later in life, you may have less time to work together to save for important milestones or retirement.

A knowledgeable financial advisor can be a valuable resource to help you set goals based on your new family's situation and determine a plan of action to reach them.

Legal Memo

by

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MOTOR VEHICLE NEGLIGENCE Pulling Out Of Parking Lot - Head-On Collision

The plaintiff pulled out of a parking lot on to the highway. Several moments later, the defendant allegedly pulled out of an adjacent parking lot on to the same road and the two vehicles collided head-on.

The defendant was a salesman at a local automobile dealership and was using a demonstrator vehicle at the time of the accident. The plaintiff alleged that the defendant's employee was negligent and that the employee's prior driving record established him as a high risk driver. The plaintiff further argued that the auto dealership had negligently retained the employee despite his driving history.

The plaintiff sustained fractures to her patella, femur, wrist, and ribs. Her treating surgeon opined that she had sustained a 20-percent loss of function as a result of her leg injuries. The plaintiff also alleged that her physical injuries aggravated her prior depressive condition which had kept her from work during the past few years.

The defendant driver contended that he never saw the plaintiff's vehicle, but that judging from the damage to both vehicles, that she was speeding. The defense further argued that the plaintiff's depressive condition was long-standing and not aggravated by this accident. The case settled and the plaintiff received \$390,000.

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column. Please send any questions to the address listed above.

Please remember that our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, due to the fact that we're in the midst of a busy political season, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you...



COMMON SENSE

with

Raymond Rose
THE PIONEER GROUP

Buying A Home? (Part I Of II)

Owning your home is part of the American dream, but if you're not prepared, buying it can be a nightmare.

Here are some fundamentals for buyers and sellers...

1. Don't buy if you can't stay put. If you can't commit to remaining in one place for five years or more, then owning is probably not for you, at least not yet. With slow appreciation and the costs of buying and selling a home, you may end up losing money if you sell any sooner than that.

2. Start by shoring up your credit. Since you will most likely need to get a mortgage to buy a house, you must make sure your credit history is as clean as possible. A few months before you start house-hunting, get copies of your credit report. Make sure the facts are correct. Fix any problems you discover.

3. Aim for a home you can really afford. The rule of thumb is that you can buy housing that runs about 2½ times your annual salary. But you'll do better to use one of the Internet's many calculators to get a better handle on your income, debts, and expenses and how those affect what you can afford.

4. Don't worry if you can't put down the usual 20 percent. There are a variety of public and private lenders who, if you qualify, offer low-interest mortgages that require a little or no money down (call me at 731-6800 for more info).

5. Buy in a district with good schools. This advice applies even if you don't — and won't — have school-age children. Reason: when it comes time to sell, you'll learn that strong school districts are a top priority for many home buyers, thus helping to boost property values.

(To be continued next week...)

Raymond Rose is a resident of Agawam, and the Principal of THE PIONEER GROUP, a professional real estate and financial services firm serving home buyers and sellers throughout the area. Comments and questions can be directed to his office (731-6800) or his e-mail (RayRose11@aol.com). Also, contact him via e-mail to receive his FREE online newsletter, THE PIONEER REPORT - Online. It's filled with enjoyable and informative info helping to "keep life simple." Thanks!

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Spotlight On Business - continued...**Phillips Insurance
And Furtek Insurance
Announce Merger**

Two long-standing insurance agencies announced their merger recently. Joe Phillips, president of Phillips Insurance of Chicopee, and Gary Furtek, president of Furtek Insurance of Chicopee, announced the merger of their two firms.

The agencies are two of the oldest and most well-established agencies in Western Massachusetts. The new agency will represent more than 15 major insurance carriers, insure over 5,000 individuals, and handle the insurance needs of over 500 businesses.

The Furtek Insurance Agency specializes in personal lines and commercial insurance products. Phillips Insurance Agency complements its traditional lines with a unique niche in the construction industry, where it is a leader in providing bonds and insurance to contractors throughout New England.

Phillips Insurance roots date back to the 1890's and the William F. Fuller Insurance Agency. William Fuller was the former mayor of the City of Chicopee and opened one of the first insurance agencies in the city. The agency was purchased on January 1, 1953 by the late Cornelius (Neil) W. Phillips, Joe's father. Neil was a prominent business and political leader in the state. Joe Phillips is a cum laude graduate of the University of Massachusetts and received his master's in business administration from Boston College. Joe is the past president of the Surety Association of Massachusetts and is an adjunct professor at Western New England College.

Furtek Insurance has been providing insurance services to citizens of Western Mass. since its 1917 founding by Felix Furtek, who emigrated from Poland. Felix was also the founder of the Polish National Credit Union. In 1992, Furtek broadened their operation with the successful acquisition of Raffol Insurance Agency in Agawam. Gary Furtek has run the agency since 1974. Gary is a graduate of Western New England College, where he also received his master's in business administration.

"This merger represents two agencies with rich histories and sterling reputations for serving the public. Our combined expertise, commitment to client service, and cutting edge technology have our agency and our clients well-positioned for the next century," said Joe Phillips.

Added Gary Furtek, "This is a win-win for clients of both agencies as our increased market clout will guarantee the lowest rates and best coverage options for everyone."

The agency will continue to provide auto, homeowners, life, health, and disability insurance products, in addition to operating a large commercial insurance division with an emphasis on construction-related businesses. They will operate from 97 Center Street in Chicopee and their web site is www.phillipsinsurance.com.

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**Consult With A Realtor
Before House Hunting...**

An important step in buying a home is meeting with an agent for a home buyer's consultation. To ensure that you understand the process and your expectations are met, keep in mind the following process.

You should determine:

- "the basics" such as your needs (number of

bedrooms, baths, etc.), communities of interest, comfortable price range, and time line;

- how often you are available to look and what you expect from your agent in terms of availability; and...

- how to communicate (e-mail, telephone updates) and when (daily or weekly).

Your agent should explain:

- buyer brokerage versus seller's representation (disclosure of Agency Relationship is mandatory Massachusetts law);

- all the paperwork you will be expected to sign throughout the process (get copies to review); and...

- financing options (you should obtain a pre-approval from a lending institution before looking at houses).

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Pains In The Feet And Legs???

Question: My husband suffers from pains in his feet and legs. He has had improvements under a podiatrist's care. He recently visited a chiropractor and found further reduction in his pain. Please comment.

Answer: The feet are extremely complex structures composed of bones, joints, ligaments, muscles, tendons, nerves, blood vessels, and skin. They may develop certain disorders (some of which originate in other parts of the body).

They are subject to injuries and other problems caused by normal wear and tear over years of supporting the weight of your body, and make it possible for you to stand, walk, run, and jump.

Foot pain can be due to ill-fitting, inappropriate footwear that cramps your feet; injuries that keep you from walking well — or at all; sprains which stretch or tear ligaments (which connect bones); and stress fractures of bones in the foot, which can result from accidents or overuse while engaging in sports or exercise.

Foot pain and dysfunction caused by illness or injury can force you to modify your gait (the way you walk) and create significant stresses on the joints of your legs, hips, and lower spine. Your feet are the foundation for your entire body.

When they suffer from pain, misalignments, malformations, and malfunctions, your whole body is placed in jeopardy. Even without pain, foot dysfunction can cause your whole body to overcompensate, which can lead to back pain and even headache (not to mention the emotional stress of discomfort and limitations on movement that can spread from the feet upward).

Conversely, lower back pain due to misalignments and malfunctions of the pelvis and lumbar spine can result in gait abnormalities, pinched nerves, and other problems causing foot and leg problems. Older or overweight individuals, diabetics, and serious athletes and dancers who place great demands on their feet, are more prone to foot disorders than others are.

What can chiropractic do? A chiropractor can analyze the structure and function of your legs, hips, and lower back in an attempt to identify what is causing your pain, and determine the best course of treatment or if referral to a specialist is called for. Chiropractic adjustments can restore function and relieve pain.

As a result, other body structures can be relieved of or protected from painful disorders stemming from or causing your foot problems.

Feel free to contact our office — 789-1369 or 789-1073. We're located at 192 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam.

New Mothers' Support Group At Mercy's Family Life Center

New mothers are invited to share their questions and concerns at a New Mothers' Support Group, sponsored by the Family Life Center for Maternity at Mercy Hospital.

The next sessions will take place on October 13th and 27th, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center lounge, 271 Carew Street, Springfield. The October 13th session includes an overview of first aid basics.

Meetings offer mothers with babies up to one year-old the opportunity to talk with professionals from the Family Life Center's Parenting Education Department and share experiences and information with other new mothers. General topics include newborn care, infant feeding, postpartum concerns, returning to work, and parenting issues. Babies and partners are welcome to attend.

For more information and to register, call the Family Life Center's Parenting Education Department, (413) 748-7295.

The Sisters of Providence Health System (SPHS) is a founding member of Catholic Health East, one of the nation's largest health care systems. Catholic Health East facilities serve communities in eastern states from Maine to Florida.

The SPHS's member organizations provide hospital and ambulatory care, rehabilitation, behavioral health services, nursing home care, retirement living, employee health services, home care, and more.



Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

Make A DASH To Better Health By Lowering Blood Pressure

Hypertension, or high blood pressure, is a substantial public health problem around the world. It is often referred to as the "silent killer" because its symptoms are not always evident.

In America, hypertension affects one out of every four people, or 25 percent of the population. In the United Kingdom, the rate of hypertension is 23 percent.

Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH) is an eating plan that emphasizes whole foods such as fruits, vegetables, peanuts and nuts, and grains. In a clinical study supported by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, scientists, for the first time, found that the DASH diet can reduce blood pressure as effectively as medication.

The DASH diet looked at 459 adults with average to elevated blood pressure. Each was randomly assigned to one of three diets:

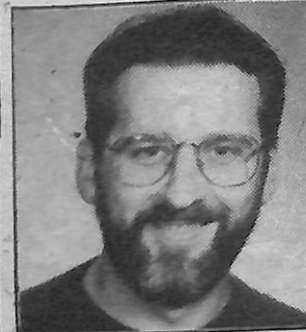
1. A plan similar to the average American diet (37 percent fat, 13 percent saturated fat).
2. A plan similar to the average American diet, but higher in fruits and vegetables (37 percent fat, 13 percent saturated fat).
3. A "combination" plan - the DASH diet, lower in saturated fat, total fat and cholesterol, and rich in fruits, vegetables, peanuts and nuts, and low-fat dairy foods (27 percent fat, seven percent saturated fat).

All three diets were moderate in sodium; about 3,000 milligrams per day.

Results In Two Weeks

The results of the study showed that both the fruit/vegetable and the combination diets reduced blood pressure, but that the combination, or DASH eating plan, had the greatest effect (1). It reduced blood pressure by an average of six mm

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"Let's Talk About It"

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Bridging Spirituality & Therapy...

I have been asked to *talk about* what I mean by the connection between spirituality and therapy. I use this phrase in my advertisement to send the message that the two can be bridged.

Therapy can, among many other things, be a way to face important issues that may feel like we are walking into the unknown and even away from the familiar.

Spirituality can mean, among many things, being on a journey not traveled alone. God or as some prefer to say, a Higher Power, assures us that we are not alone!

Therapy is perceived, rightly so, as a secular attempt to resource help in order to make change possible. Spirituality can be a way of caring for self and other with the direct help and guidance from God.

Somehow I must have missed something in my secular training. I was, in effect, taught to keep the two separate. However, since I also have nine years' Seminary training, the idea of healing without God seems foreign.

I strive to never impose religion or spirituality into the therapeutic process. I am open and willing to assist someone desiring this type of integration by *offering*, not forcing, a therapeutic context that can bridge the two.

I personally respect and appreciate a wide variety of religious traditions and spiritual perspectives. My work is *not* an effort to sway the client to one form of belief over another. On the contrary, I aim to support the client to further enter into their preferred spiritual (religious) perspective in as deep a way as possible.

Much of the work of healing, as I experience it, stems from knowing and/or creating a common *language*. Some people are very in touch with their spiritual self while others are "seekers." A common ground between therapy and spirituality, as I see it, is the need to focus on care for self, other, and God.

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Ten Foods For Longevity

(This article I found recently in one of my chiropractic journals. The source is USA Weekend Online.)

The results of several scientific studies suggest the following 10 foods can help you live longer, better.

TOMATOES: These are a major source of the strong antioxidant lycopene, which reduces the risk of cancer by 40 percent - notably, prostate, lung, and stomach cancers - and increases cancer survival.

OLIVE OIL: It's a major part of a Mediterranean diet, shown to help reduce death from heart disease and cancer. Heart attack survivors on a Mediterranean diet had half the death rates of those on an ordinary low-fat diet, recent research shows.

RED GRAPES: They have moderate antioxidant power, but purple grape juice tops other juices in antioxidant activity, having four times more than orange or tomato juice. Red wine, but not white, has about the same antioxidant capacity as purple grape juice or tea.

NUTS: Recent Harvard University research found that eating more than five ounces of nuts a week, cut heart attack deaths in women by 40 per-

cent and helped prevent deadly irregular heartbeats in men.

WHOLE GRAINS: Middle-aged women who ate slightly more than one whole-grain food per day had a 15 percent lower death rate than women eating lots of refined processed sugar. Whole grains contain anti-cancer agents and help stabilize blood sugar and insulin, which may promote longevity.

SALMON AND OTHER FATTY FISH: Contain high amounts of the type of fat, omega-3, that performs miracles throughout the body, fighting virtually every chronic disease known. You need at least an ounce a day, or two servings of a fatty fish a week. Fish high in omega-3 are sardines, mackerel, herring, and tuna.

BLUEBERRIES: Blueberries are so powerful in retarding aging animals that they can block brain changes leading to decline and even reverse failing memory. The human equivalent is a half-cup of frozen or fresh blueberries a day.

GARLIC: It has prolonged cancer-survival time and extended animal lifespans by about five percent, which in humans might add about four years, German researchers have found. Researchers at Penn State suggest letting crushed garlic "rest" about 10 minutes before cooking it to preserve disease-fighting agents.

SPINACH: It's also rich in folic acid, which helps fight cancer, heart disease, and mental disorders. Both raw and steamed spinach have strong antioxidant activity.

TEA: Harvard researchers recently found that drinking one cup of black tea a day cut heart disease risk in half. Be sure to make iced tea from loose tea or tea bags; instant tea and bottled teas contain minimal antioxidants, tests at Tufts University show.

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-4820.

"Mini Senior Health Fair" Scheduled At Heritage Woods On Wednesday, October 13th

Heritage Woods and STCC will sponsor a "Mini Senior Health Fair" at Heritage Woods on October 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The topics to be presented will include blood pressure and weight management, proper nutrition for the older adult, exercise for the older

adult, skin care, and relaxation and stress management.

For more information, call Laurie Downs at STCC (755-4828) or Lois Goralski at Heritage Woods in Agawam (786-9704).

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Hg for systolic and three mm Hg for diastolic. The results were even more significant for those with high blood pressure. Their systolic blood pressure dropped by an average of 11 mm Hg and diastolic by about six mm Hg.

One of the most significant findings of the DASH trial is the short amount of time it took to see results. Subjects who followed the DASH diet for just two weeks saw their blood pressure drop. Furthermore, the reduction in blood pressure stayed for as long as they stayed with the DASH diet.

If widely implemented, the DASH diet could reduce coronary heart disease and stroke incidence by 15 percent and 27 percent, respectively.

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When seeking the help of a professional counselor, you may or may not value this connection, which is, of course, your choice. It may be real important to you, your marriage/relationship, and your family to bridge the two. If, however, this bridge is not your preference, that too will be honored.

The space my therapy practice works out of is by design located in one of our local churches. My space is inviting of this dual process, while remaining respectful of my client's choices and desires. I honor this option in the therapeutic process.

Is attending to the "spiritual" an important part of your life, your family's, and/or your marriage/relationship? Finding a professional counselor who speaks the language can be exactly what is sometimes needed.

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Fitness Tips...

by
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Anxiety Relief

Anxiety attacks can be mildly frightening to completely debilitating. The feeling of panic, fear, complete loss of control is present and sometimes too frequent in many people.

The more I talk about this, the more I am finding out how many people suffer from this terrible affliction. Some experts feel it is a chemical imbalance, some say it may be a reaction to foods,

like an allergy of sorts, others have felt it is a psychological disorder. Whatever the cause, everyone agrees that exercise helps.

Depending on the source of your anxieties, different forms of exercise may help. Some people may have severe panic when even thinking about coming into a class full of people. Others have found that it is a great distraction, the music and people help.

Walking on a treadmill or riding a bike can relieve some bottled up tension that can trigger an attack. Choosing to do your work outdoors walking or riding might be relaxing for some; it may be scary for others to be alone. My point is to try a few different things. Every symptom from mild stress to a full-blown panic attack can be helped with exercise. I even know someone who never suffered from panic attacks until she was forced to stop exercising for a long period to recover from surgery.

It doesn't surprise me that so many people feel so much better with exercise. Exercise is focused and concentrated, something you are doing for you. It gives your entire being a very clear

message that you are important and you are willing to take care of yourself. Exercise forces you to deep breathe. Oxygen is a natural tranquilizer. Deep breathing is basic to any stress reduction education. It should be a planned important part of every day.

Exercise also gets rid of all those chemicals and hormones that are released when we feel stress or panic. Our entire physical body transforms the second our emotional or psychological body feels stress. Blood gets redirected, hormones kick in, blood sugar and cholesterol immediately go up, all to help us respond to this perceived stress. Exercise rids our bodies of all of these. Without exercise we carry around a ton of stuff, making us prime targets for high blood pressure and heart disease.

So if it is just a little stress in your day or full anxiety relief you are looking for, start with exercise. It continuously amazes me how much better I feel after my workout as compared to before. I know many people that agree. So much so that they will not go without exercise again.

Support Groups/Programs At Noble Hospital...

SUPPORT GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous: Sunday evenings, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield.

Free of charge. All are welcome.

Stroke Support Group: Wednesdays, October 13th and 27th, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. In the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke and their spouses, caregivers, and other interested persons.

Participants are encouraged to suggest topics for future meetings. Call Barbara Boulanger, M.S.W., L.I.C.S.W., 568-2811, ext. 5809.

Diabetes: Tuesday, October 26th, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals who have diabetes and their support persons.

At this meeting, Jane Martone, D.D.S., will speak about "Dental Care and Diabetes."

For more information, call (413) 568-2811, ext. 5178.

Better Breathers: Wednesday, October 13th, 2:00 p.m. In the Third Floor Cardiopulmonary Classroom at Noble Hospital.

"Pulmonary Potpourri" — please call ahead and tell us the topics you would like to discuss.

Free of charge and open to individuals with respiratory or pulmonary difficulties and their support persons.

Please call (413) 568-2811, ext. 5986, with topics.

Crohn's and Colitis Support Group: Tuesday, October 19th, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

For additional information about the Crohn's and Colitis Support Group, please call Noble

Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

Caregivers' Support Group: October 13th and 27th, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. In the Bronson Music Room at Noble Hospital.

On the second and last Wednesday of each month, Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services offers this group for those who are caring for someone with a life-threatening illness. Hospice families, staff, and community members are invited to participate.

Call Kim Cressotti, R.N., at Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services for more information at (413) 562-7049.

Bereavement Group: October 13th and 20th, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. In the Bronson Music Room at Noble Hospital.

On the first, second, and third Wednesdays of every month, Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services offers this support group for people who have experienced the death of a loved one within the past year. We invite all Hospice families and anyone in the community to participate.

For more information, please call Kim Cressotti, R.N., at Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services at (413) 562-7049.

COURSES/PROGRAMS/CLINICS

Free Athletic Injury Clinic: Thursday, October 21st, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. At Noble Hospital's Sports and Rehabilitation Center, 76 Main Street, Westfield.

On the first, third, and fifth Thursdays of every month, a certified athletic trainer will evaluate athletic injuries. Then, based upon the evaluation, remedial exercises or physician referral may be recommended. For an appointment, call 562-3522.

Cosmetic/Plastic Surgery with Dr. Gary Russolillo: Tuesday, October 19th, 6:30 to 7:30

p.m. In Conference Room B at Noble Hospital.

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Pre-registration is required. To register, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

Women's Health Fair: Sponsored by the Women's Health Center at Noble Hospital. Wednesday, October 20th, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Noble Hospital.

Visit the new Women's Health Center, see diagnostic equipment and exhibits, and receive health-related information. There will also be drawings and prizes; books for sale on women's health; and a free lunch with a lecture by Fielding Johnson III, M.D., "The New Epidemic: Women and Lung Cancer."

Pre-registration for lunch is required. Servings will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., and 12:45 to 1:30 p.m.

For additional information or to pre-register for the lunch and lecture, please call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

CPR Course: Wednesdays, October 20th and 27th, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. In the Education Department/Ground Floor at Noble Hospital.

This two-part course provides American Heart Association Adult, Child, and Infant Certification. The cost of the course is \$45.

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Arts

Staged By The Theater Project...

"Side Show" Leaves One With Mixed Feelings

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

"Side Show" by Bill Russell and Henry Krieger is a Tony-nominated musical playing at The Majestic Theater at 131 Elm Street in West Springfield. The play runs from September 23rd through October 23rd on designated dates and was a highlight of the 1997 Broadway season. The story unfolds effectively through acting, costumes, props, and music.

The only serious problem was the acoustics of the theater, otherwise tastefully decorated, with several renovations. Voices seemed too loud, yet during an especially poignant torch song, the singer's voice was almost obscured by the background music. This unfortunate weakness did not detract, however, from the other strengths of the play.

The play succeeds at an unusual level, because its subject is not only obscure, but also somewhat bizarre. How many people have actually known Siamese twins? The days of carnivals and circuses do not boast tattooed or fat ladies or many of the "freaks" that populated the 1910's, 1920's, and 1930's entourages, yet "Side Show" asks the viewer to become familiar with these souls and those who thrived financially because of them.

Many people might not have thought about the inconveniences of being a Siamese twin or for that matter, some of the benefits. The story's themes and conflicts may have surprised a few playgoers and the ending, while dissatisfying emotionally, was realistic in its inevitability and authentic due to the acting.

The story is based on the lives of the Hilton sisters, Daisy and Violet, who struggled to launch a career as performers in the era of Vaudeville and the Depression. The medical condition, known as "pygopagi," has received little attention, even in modern times, from the public.

Although many disabilities have been addressed in recent years by such edicts as the Americans With Disabilities Act, pygopagi remains fairly unheard of. Experts in the field of rehabilitation must know whether it is considered

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PICTURED ABOVE ARE members of the Agawam Community Artists at their 1996 art show at the Agawam Public Library.

Agawam Community Artists To Hold Annual Art Show At Agawam Library On Oct. 8th

The Agawam Community Artists will hold their annual art show on Friday, October 8th at the Agawam Library, 750 Cooper St., Agawam.

Various ongoing demonstrations will be presented throughout Friday night's opening reception from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Demonstrating artists will include Helen Gates, Decorative Arts,

and Alexandra Walters, Silver Point Drawing.

Please join us during this year's show. Come to meet some of the 20 talented local artists represented and enjoy their beautiful works.

Saturday hours, October 9th, will be from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Please remember that our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, due to the fact that we're in the midst of a busy political season, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you...

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"a disability," but no one would dispute that the challenge of a conjoined existence must be heart-wrenching indeed.

"Side Show" forces the audience to face some of the darker parts of human nature. Each of the sisters finds love, yet each finds tragedy, disappointment, and above all, the bitterness of being used.

In real life, the twins shared the same blood circulation, the bones of their lower spines, and hips fused to each other. Although they often could feel sensations from each other's bodies, each sister learned to disassociate herself from the experiences and feelings of her sister, even when that sister was making love!

Just as the sisters learn how much their so-called lovers have taken advantage of them for their carnival appeal and money-making value, the twins decide to instead strike out on their own. MGM stands before them, presumably offering them a bright future, but when they ask what the title of their movie will be, they are told, "Freaks!"

The sisters did, in fact, appear in a cult film titled "Freaks" as well as one called "Chained For Life." At the end of the play, their points of view begin to change, remembering how they used to feel sorry for people who did not have a twin attached and how lonely a life that would be. They are not without emotional pain, nonetheless.

The majestic Theater has made several renovations and is launching its third full season. It has a 176-seat capacity and is wheelchair accessible.

The Majestic Theater has become an especially welcome venue. It has an intimate flavor, yet offers great live entertainment. "On Golden Pond," a comedy, will play from November 11th through December 11th. There will be a mini-season during January, February, and March of 2000. For times and dates of "Side Show," call the Box Office Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 2:00-5:00 p.m. or Wednesday, 4:00-8:00 p.m., and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 747-7797.



JEAN LATIF and VIRGINIA VENTULETT (in top left photo), and NANCY KLUHEH, KATHY LEARY, and DARCY BANKS (in photo above), are all smiles as they rehearse their roles in "4-Ever Friends." This original musical will be presented on October 8th, 9th, and 10th at The Red Door Theatre, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

"4-Ever Friends" To Debut This Weekend At The Red Door Theatre In Feeding Hills

The Red Door Theatre will present the original musical, "4-Ever Friends" by Marilene Allen on October 8th and 9th at 7:30 p.m. and October 10th at 2:00 p.m.

The five adult women who make up the acting cast are Nancy Klueh and Virginia Ventulett of Agawam, Kathy Leary of Westfield, Darcy Banks of Granville, and Jean Latif of West Springfield. All five of these actresses are veterans of the Hilltop Players.

While rehearsing for this production about friends, the women claim that their own friendships have grown and they enjoy working together. They share some scenes which many people will recall from their own pasts - pajama parties, talks about men, and ice cream sundaes late at night.

The story they tell is enhanced by song and dance numbers which carry out the themes of childhood games, the various stages of love, and taking stock of where they are now.

Also performing in this production are Dana Allen, Sara Dorans, Kati Lewantowicz, and Jaime Pearsons as the childhood friends, Morgan Allen, Jenn Horn, Alex Kane, and Nicole Messmer as the teen friends, and Marilene Allen and Margie Secora as adult friends.

Seating is cabaret style at candlelit tables. Audience members may bring their own refreshments if they desire. Tickets are \$7 for adults, and \$5 for seniors and children 12 and under.

Call 789-2026 for reservations.

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Acts 14:1-19

I take pleasure in
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sake. —2 Cor. 12:10

I remember a time when my children were young and my wife was in bed with a stubborn case of the flu. I was trying to fill in for her the best I could, but the kids weren't cooperating. Even though I spent a lot of time playing with them, they seemed determined to fill the house with more noise and mess than I could tolerate. Why couldn't they calm down and do more to help? I wondered why they couldn't be more considerate for their mother's sake—and for my sake?

Then I thought about my relationship with God. Do I treat Him the way my kids were treating me? He must be grieved at times by my insensitivity to His concerns.

Later I began looking up every passage of Scripture that mentions doing something for the Lord's sake, doing what we know pleases Him. I read about Paul, Peter, and Stephen—men who put their lives on the line for Christ's sake. For them that phrase was a way of life, not just empty words. On one occasion, the apostle Paul was even stoned and left for dead because he dared to proclaim the gospel (Acts 14:19).

I wonder how much of what I do and say is for my Lord and Savior's sake? That's a good question for all of us to ponder. —MRDII

Your mission as a Christian is to take
The cross of Christ and do His perfect will;
To love and serve the Lord for Jesus' sake—
You have no higher purpose to fulfill. —Hess

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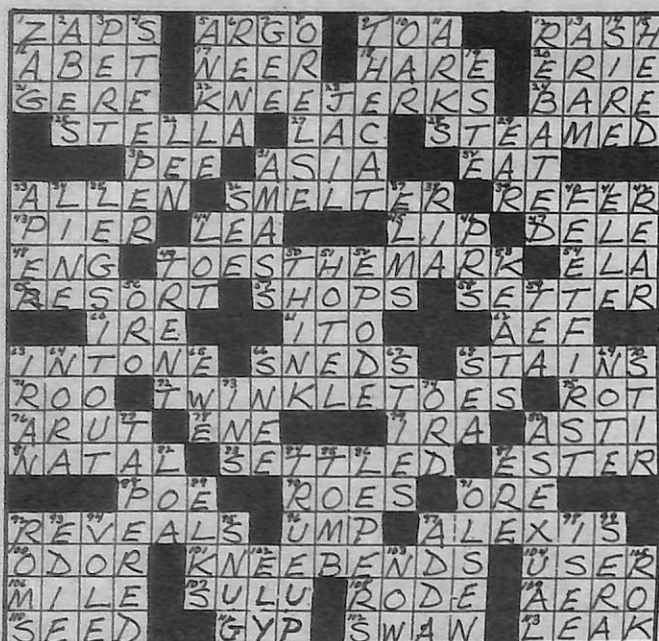
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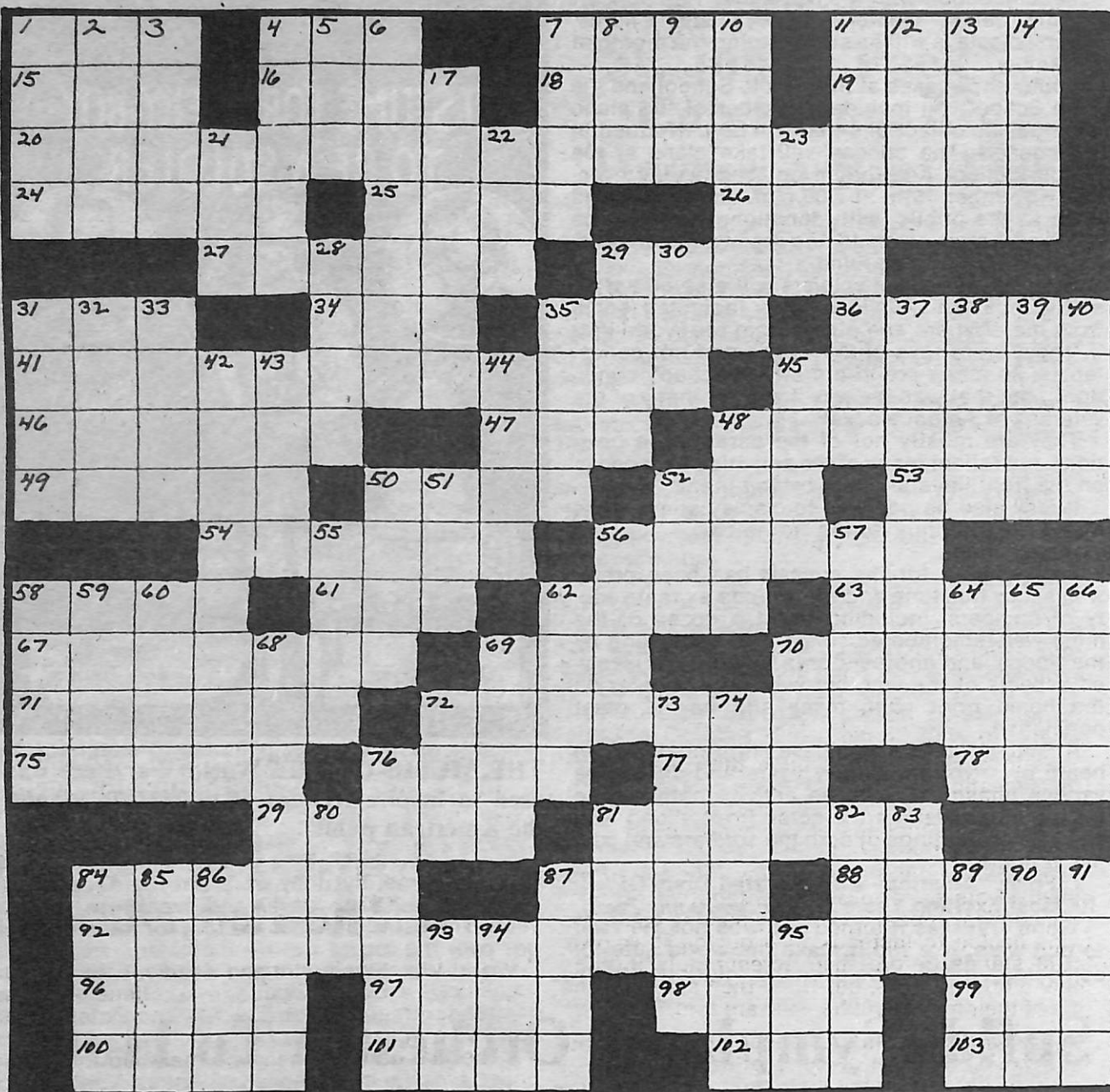
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Meet The Master - by Dick Mastroianni...



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Several Displays To Complement WWI Concert

In conjunction with the November 10th concert by the Senior Center Memory Lane Chorus, several displays will be set up during the month of November.

Lobby showcases at the Middle School and the High School will include a number of the piano sheet music selections that will be performed in the concert. The concert will take place at the Middle School Auditorium on Wednesday evening, November 10th, at 7:00 p.m. and is free and open to the public, with donations that may be received being given to the Agawam Veterans' Memorial Honor Roll Fund.

A display of model soldiers will also be set up at the Agawam Public Library, including some from the WWI era and others from pre-World War II. These were toys of the 1930's and not collectibles, so many are in a pretty "beat-up" condition ... but that was the way it was for many of the veterans of America's wars.

They are mostly not of the parade-type positions, but reflect many of the activities engaged in on the front lines and just behind them.

It may also be possible to display some sheet music at the library during November.

The program for the concert has been pretty well set by this time and will include a great variety of numbers, including about a dozen of the most well-remembered songs that were sung by the troops, and another dozen that did not involved aspects of the war, but were very popular on the home front (with many still having great popularity).

A final group of songs have not probably been heard by anyone for many years and depict the various phases of wartime activity both on the battlefield as well as the home front, along with some of the feelings of both the soldiers and people at home.

From: "America - An Illustrated Diary Of Its Most Exciting Years" (American Family Press)

World War I, as it turned out, was not the "war to end wars. Nor did it make the world safe for democracy. It may have been the "glorious adven-



THE MUSIC OF THE World War I era was used to inspire feelings of patriotism among the American public.

ture" to some, but they were not the doughboys who spent hours, days, and weeks in damp, vermin-infested trenches waiting for the signal to go "over the top."

World War I was grim and deadly, with untold

military and civilian casualties. And yet, paradoxically, it was fated to be romanticized and glamorized in song, story, and reminiscences for nearly two decades ... until brought up short by the grim reality of Manchuria, Ethiopia, and Spain.

Lean, clean, and keen — that's the way the American fighting forces looked when they made their historic landing in England on June 8, 1917.

For a moment, America held the highest place in the hearts of our allies. The things nations now bicker about seemed petty then.

As Pershing landed in France, it seemed that he must have been thinking of that historical character who made such a journey more than 100 years before — a great soldier who left his homeland to sail to foreign shores halfway around the world, and there to lend his sword in the fight for the sacred principles of democracy. It seemed that day that Pershing thought of Lafayette.

The men slosh back and forth through the mud along the narrow trenches. The order is against such movement, but immobility is unbearable. Wet slickers rustle against one another in the cramping traverses.

At times, a steel helmet falls from some unaccustomed head and gives forth a clang which is followed by a curse: "Keep your damn-fool head down or you'll get it blown off!"

Each man went out with 220 rounds of ammunition, two hand grenades, one rifle grenade, two canteens filled with water and rations for two days, one shelter half, four sandbags, one pick, and one shovel (leaving overcoat and blanket behind).

The Germans nearly took Paris; coming up from the rear, it looked as if all the movement was away from the front — all toward Paris. Glazed were the eyes of the groggy, beaten soldiers, who were mixed with refugees. This, after four years in which France had given the last of her strength.

But, finally, the Americans arrived: "Les Americans — they have come" ... onto the wavering ranks of the weary fighters. Two-fisted, steel-knuckled aid for the battered French, when they thought they could not hold on for another hour.

Spfld. Symphony Orchestra To Hold Season-Opening Gala On Oct. 16th

A poem, a love of education, and a thank-you note were the inspiration behind the works of Beethoven, Brahms, and Sharpe to be showcased by the Springfield Symphony Orchestra at its season-opening gala on Saturday, October 16th, at 8:00 p.m. in Symphony Hall in downtown Springfield, under the direction of Mark Russell Smith. The concert is sponsored by Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company.

The second half of the season's premiere gala, and Maestro Smith's final opening-night concert in Springfield, will be Beethoven's popular and powerful 9th Symphony in D Minor, Choral, Opus 125. Many critics consider this, his last completed symphony, the most influential symphony ever composed.

The second major work of the evening is the world premiere by contemporary composer Avery Sharpe. A strong believer in education as a means to freedom and equality, renowned jazz bassist

and composer Sharpe (who lives in Amherst) has recently completed a composition that pays tribute to outstanding educators.

As with all Springfield Symphony Orchestra's classical concerts, Maestro Smith will be presenting *Classical Conversations*, a pre-concert discussion at 7:00 p.m. at Symphony Hall. This informal and informative talk gives audience members an opportunity to learn about the evening's program and ask questions in a relaxed, casual setting.

"Be an Ear Witness" to an exciting and inspired concert on Saturday, October 16th. Tickets are available from the Springfield Symphony box office, 75 Market Place, downtown Springfield, or can be charged by phone (VISA, MasterCard, or Discover) by calling (413) 733-2291.

Ticket prices range from \$7 to \$37, and are half-price for youths ages four to 17. A 25-percent discount is available for groups of 10 or more.

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Agawam High's Calendar Of Events For Month Of October

October 8th: Deadline for return of Senior Kits to Mr. Pulaski in room 74, as well as for the return of a wallet-size color photo from seniors who were photographed at a studio other than Steinmetz; Multi-Media Production sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program (entire school assembly) on self-esteem, decision-making, drug & alcohol abuse prevention; Friday Discussion Group sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program.

October 9th: SAT I (sponsored by the AHS Guidance Department), 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; AHS Band at band festival in Rocky Hill, CT.

October 10th: AHS Band performs in the Columbus Day Parade.

October 12th: "Student Breakfast" (sponsored by the Junior Class), 6:50 to 7:20 a.m.; Dia de la Raza — all Spanish classes.

October 13th: AHS Parent Senate, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in cafeteria. Family Education Group sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program.

October 14th: Substance Abuse Prevention Program "Student Breakfast," 6:50 to 7:20 a.m.; Peer Leadership Membership Reception; AHS Improvement Council meeting, 7:00 p.m. in Career Center.

October 14th-17th: "AFS International Weekend."

October 15th: Friday Discussion Group (sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program); Ice Cream Social (sponsored by Renaissance-Spring GPA Contest); First AHS Entrepreneur Forum, 7:30 p.m. in cafeteria.

October 16th: PSAT (sponsored by the AHS Guidance Department), 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; AHS Band at band festival in Cheshire, CT.

October 18th: AHS Band's Thanksgiving pie sale (two weeks).

October 18th-28th: "Peer Leadership Costume Day" fundraiser.

October 18th-29th: Future Teachers Club fundraiser — candy sale.

October 19th: "Student Breakfast" (sponsored by the Junior Class), 6:50 to 7:20 a.m.; Superintendent's Student Advisory Council, 2:00 p.m. in principal's conference room.

October 20th: Family Education Group (sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program); Intergenerational Poetry Group meeting, 1:50 to 2:35 p.m. in room 38; Math Club meeting.

October 21st: Substance Abuse Prevention Program "Student Breakfast," 6:50 to 7:20 a.m.

October 22nd: Friday Discussion Group (sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program); Renaissance VIP cards distributed; Hepatitis B immunization for AHS seniors (first of the series).

October 23rd: AHS Band at band festival in Southington, CT.

October 25th: AHS theater class to see "Salem Justice" at Symphony Hall (period 2-6).

October 26th: "Student Breakfast" (sponsored by the Junior Class), 6:50 to 7:20 p.m.; Math Team meeting and practice.

October 27th: Halloween Party (sponsored by the Child Development Classes), room 7; Family Education Group (sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program).

October 28th: Substance Abuse Prevention Program "Student Breakfast," 6:50 to 7:20 a.m.; Costume Day (sponsored by Peer Leadership); Deadline for return of Senior Salute forms, money, and pictures.

October 29th: AHS Band's annual "Pumpkin Night" fundraiser.

October 30th: AHS Band at USSBA finals at Giants' Stadium.

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Change Is Scary

by Judy Cohen
Agawam High School Guidance Counselor

Are you fed up with certain things ... perhaps your daily routine ... and you've considered a change? You complain about your circumstances, look into alternatives, but then just go back to what you've been doing.

Why? I mean if things are so uncomfortable, if things make you so unhappy, then why do you continue doing what you are doing? With a resounding answer, I can tell you in one word—CHANGE!!!

Believe it or not, what you are currently doing has put you in a comfort zone. Whether it causes you to feel good or not, you are familiar with it and even comfortable with your discontent. It has become a part of you, so even though you seek change, you sort of tell yourself that, "The devil you know is better than the devil you don't know." In other words, you decide to put up with what you have. You continue to feel frustrated, you reconsider change, and then you stay where you are. And so it continues...

This can be related to everyone, adults and kids. Kids don't like when a new year starts; they have new teachers and that means change. New kids are in their classes and that means change. And change is threatening. It drags along with it the unknown and the unknown is something you have not tried before, so it fills you with anxiety.

Change takes guts. Yet, people I know who have embraced change have grown from the experience. They feel rejuvenated, jump-started, and refreshed. The boredom has disappeared and has been replaced by challenge and opportunity. They no longer feel stagnant. Think about a pool. Unless new chemicals are put into the water, it does become stagnant. Similarly, unless we embrace new ideas and new experiences, we become stagnant and with this comes frustration and even anger and depression.

O.K., so let's say you're one of the gutsy ones and you've decided to change. You take on the new things and ask yourself, "Why did I change? This isn't so great!" Stop yourself.

Remember why you did change. The other was not great and this can be with time. After all, you have to get used to something new. I think back to a few weeks ago when so many youngsters stormed my office, voicing their unhappiness with their teachers.

I told them to come see me again in a week, but only after putting their all into their classes, and having a positive mental outlook. When the week ended and they returned, many no longer complained about their teachers. They had become accustomed to them. Actually, some were enjoying their teachers' new methods, compared to the methods they had experienced last year.

Next time you feel down and out, next time you think you might want to try something new, weigh what you have, why you want to change, and what the change will offer you. If the scales dip in favor toward the change, go for it! I can almost guarantee you that you will be glad you did!

Chance new things. Have a positive attitude. Apply yourself. New things take time. Growth comes from change. Enjoy your new opportunity.

— ADVERTISER NEWS —

Bottle Drive On October 23rd...

St. John's Pack 77 Cub Scouts Are Having A Busy Fall

St. John's Pack 77 Cub Scouts are off to a strong start this fall after a quiet summer.

At our September 16th sign-up night, over 20 boys and their parents ignored the downpouring rain and winds to come and join our pack. Pack 77 welcomes our three new tiger dens and the boys who have joined existing wolf, bear, and webelos dens.

If you are interested in joining Pack 77, it isn't too late. Please call Marcia at 786-3666 or Kathy at 789-1377.

Autumn is a busy time for the Pack, with tigers and their adult partners doing their first couple of "big ideas" while the older scouts start back into the weekly routine of den meetings to earn their achievements.

Fall also means fundraising time, with a bottle drive planned for October 23rd in St. John's parking lot and October being popcorn month. The Pack again asks for your support in donating your redeemable bottles and cans to our scouts (who will be going around their neighborhood) or by dropping them off at the church parking lot on Saturday, October 23rd, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., or by calling Cathy (786-5103) for pick-up.

Also, the Cub Scouts are again this year participating in the scout national trail's end popcorn fundraiser. The scouts will be taking orders during the month of October for microwave popcorn packs; popping kernels; caramel corn with peanuts, almonds, or pecans; chocolate caramel crunch; or white chocolatey caramel crunch popcorn.

With over 70 percent of the funds earned staying in the local scouting area, the Pack is working towards a second successful year of popcorn selling.

For more information about the gourmet popcorn, or to arrange a bottle/can pick-up, please call Cathy (786-5103). Thanks for your support of Pack 77.

AHS Guidance Department To Mail Info. Packets

Attention parents/guardians of seniors at Agawam High:

In order to facilitate your son's/daughter's graduation and his/her future plans after high school, the Guidance Department will be mailing to you an informational packet the week of October 4, 1999.

This packet will contain the following material:
* Credit Status Form for Graduation.
* Unofficial "traveling" transcript.
* College Application Process Statement.
* Senior Time Table.

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If the material does not arrive during that week, please give Frank Meagher, Guidance Coordinator, a call at 821-0525.

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Agawam School Volunteer Tutor Prog. Now Has 12 Tutors

Last year, the Agawam School Volunteer Tutor Program expanded from the High School to the Junior High School and proved to be very successful in both areas.

The program, which started in 1996 with a few dedicated board members, has grown to include 12 tutors who are available for individual help during school hours and after school in subjects ranging from math, English, writing, science, and history to foreign languages.

To date, their efforts have earned nothing but praise from the school administrators, students, parents, and from the tutors themselves who are very enthusiastic about their work.

Students are referred to the program coordinators by the principal of each school and after an initial referral from the teachers or a request from a parent to the school. Before being accepted into the tutoring activities, the principal must be convinced that the student has a sincere desire to take advantage of the help and has a good attendance record. No fees are involved in the program.

Members of the Tutor Group have a variety of academic backgrounds such as engineering, accounting, law, and many are former teachers in junior high schools, high schools, and college. Because of the success of this one-on-one intervention, the group is continually recruiting new members. Each year there is always a waiting list of students needing help to improve their grades and volunteers are urgently needed.

Board members and volunteer tutors this year include Mrs. Bernice Beck (history/English), Mrs. Mary Bennett (science/math), Mrs. Marion Brindle (English/history), Ms. Jean Clifford (English/writing), Mr. Francis Collins (math/science), Mrs. Sylvia Deliso (English/math and coordinator), Ms. Deborah Driscoll (English/history), Mrs. Marianne Gregor (English/writing), Ms. Mary Libby (languages), Mr. James Nodurf (math), Mrs. Debra Pond (English/science/history), Mr. Fred Roberts (math), and Mrs. Patricia Roberts, program coordinator.

If anyone is interested in working with our young people in a very satisfying project, please contact Mrs. Mary Bennett (786-3739), Mrs. Sylvia Deliso (786-1859), or Mrs. Patricia Roberts (786-8580).

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, October 11th: No school (Columbus Day).

Tuesday, October 12th: Oven-baked chicken nuggets, shoestring fries with catsup, whole wheat bread and butter, honey-glazed carrots, chilled peaches in syrup, milk.

Wednesday, October 13th: Hamburg in roll, steamed parsley rice, seasoned green and wax beans, chilled pears in syrup or white cake with mocha icing, milk.

Thursday, October 14th: Personal round, cheese-topped pizza, tossed garden salad w/spinach greens & dressing, chilled fruit medley, milk.

Friday, October 15th: Grilled cheese sandwich, oven potato wedge w/catsup, creamy cabbage and carrot salad, a bag of nacho chips or fruit cup, milk.

Preschool Storytimes Schedule At Agawam Public Library

The Agawam Public Library's annual fall preschool programs begin the week of October 18th, with registration now taking place at the library. Programs are free and open to Agawam and Feeding Hills families on a first-come, first-served basis.

Monday morning playgroups are reserved for toddlers aged 18 to 24 months (no older siblings, please). Tuesday storytimes are designed for younger preschoolers aged 2½ to three years of age, and Wednesday and Thursday morning sessions are planned for families with more than one preschooler.

To sign up for one of these programs, visit the library at 760 Cooper Street, Agawam, or call 789-1550.

Agawam High School's Parent Senate To Hold First Meeting On October 13th

The first meeting of Agawam High School's Parent Senate will take place in the High School cafeteria on October 13th at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to enhance communication between the High School principal and parents or guardians of High School students.

Topics to be presented will focus on class size,

the school budget, school safety, accreditation, and other topics if time permits.

All parents or guardians of High School students are invited to attend this unique informational meeting. There are no strings attached and it is a great way for everyone to relate to each other in an open and positive fashion.

Please remember that our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, due to the fact that we're in the midst of a busy political season, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you...

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Sports

In AA Conference Opener For Football...

"Tad/Dad Bowl I" Goes To Agawam High, 22-14 Over Chicopee Comp

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Last Friday evening at Harmon Smith Field, a big crowd had a chance to see some history made; a father and son varsity football coaching duo go up against each other for the first time in memory around these parts.

It was a case of the young kid on the block (Agawam High's Tad Desautels) against a guy who's been around the block many times, Tad's dad, Wally, mentor of the Chicopee Comp Colts.

The kid prevailed, leading the Brownies to a 22-14 win over the Colts in the AA Conference opener for each school.

Prior to the game, Tad had maintained that he wasn't nervous - that it was another game and he was mostly looking for a win. When it was over, he had a slightly different tale to tell. "Yeah, I was really nervous. You don't get to coach against your dad every day," he said.

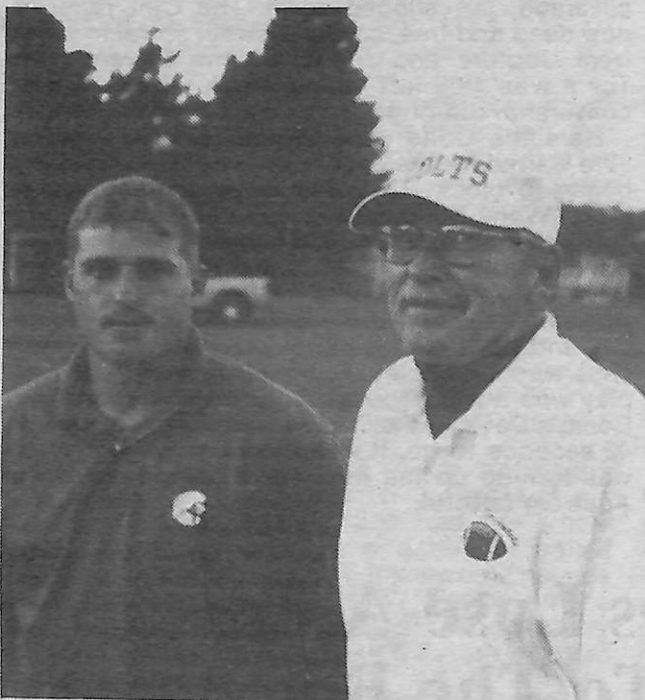
The game, much anticipated since last spring when Tad got the varsity job at Agawam, started out looking like it might be a Brownie blowout. For the first quarter, they practiced that run-stopping, Texas-style defense Tad had imported up here from his days at Tolar High School in the Lone Star State. The offense, running the option and employing the occasional wishbone for the first time this year, had the Colts' defenders running after shadows.

Defense First To Score

The defense was first to score when a 10-play, 68-yard drive by the Brownies from their own 29 stalled, but a punt fizzled out at the Colts' three-yard line and had their ears pinned to the goalline.

Comp, working out of a hole, was going to dig out of it via the running game. That plan went haywire on the first play. Quarterback Tony Couture took the snap and looked for daylight. All he saw were the dark shadows of nose guard Jerry Graves and defensive tackle Frank Ferrentino (both had outstanding games) closing in on him. The result was a safety sandwich. And the Brownies led, 2-0, with 5:27 left in the quarter. The first 12 minutes ended with the Brownies hanging on to the 2-0 lead.

A Brownie fumble on their first possession gave the ball back to Comp at its 30-yard line. The Agawam defense, still pumped by its first quarter performance, wasn't about to take a break. They jammed up Comps' power running game behind some inspired play by sophomore defensive tackle Curtis Mirecki, who laid some major wood



"HISTORY" WAS MADE last Friday night at Harmon Smith Field: Coach Tad Desautels (left) led the Brownies against the Chicopee Comp football team, which is coached by his dad, Wally. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

on running back Vitaly Dzhengerukla for a five-yard loss (plus the loss of a few letters in his name).

The ensuing punt attempt on fourth and 11 got all fouled up in the space between the snapper and kicker. The ball rattled around among a thrashing mass of gunboat cleats and clutching hands before Isidro Aguinaga (another Brownie who had a very good game) and freshman Matt Shea gathered it in at the Comp 30.

Agawam, against a Colt defense that was also playing well, managed to run the rack to fourth and one at the visitors' 21-yard line. They went for it, but a five-yard procedural call blew their chance.

The Colts took over at their own 26. A big stop by Aguinaga and some serious pass rushing by

junior linebacker Nick Beaudette saw Comp looking at a third and 15 situation. Next into the meat grinder was fullback Donnell Boucher. He was substantially mugged by Beaudette, linebacker Vic Romano, and Ferrentino.

The ensuing punt saw Agawam's Dave Moore field the ball at the Colt 46 and scamper 12 yards to the 35.

Moore had set himself up nicely. On the first play from scrimmage the senior tailback (20 carries, 175 yards, two TD's) took a hand-off from senior quarterback Brian St. Jean and turned up the left side. Untouched, he rung up a 34-yard TD with 4:57 left in the half. St. Jean's kick was good and the Brownies led, 9-0.

Locals Play Inspired Defense

Agawam, still playing inspired defense, got the ball back on its own 26 at the 2:48 mark after a less than inspired Colt offensive effort. Moore got 11 on a second and 10 to bring the ball to the Brownie 37-yard line. Then St. Jean started to air it out. He hit wide receiver Scott Harlin for 15 yards over the middle and Ian Hogan for 13 more, bringing the ball to the Comp 36.

After an incompletion brought up a second and 10, 45 ticks remained on the clock. Tad called for another pass play. St. Jean and his go-to wide receiver (Harlin) didn't disappoint the coach or the faithful. Harlin, on a go pattern, got behind the Colts' secondary and in full back pedal, caught St. Jean's ball in the end zone to put the Brownies up, 15-0. The seven-play drive covered 74 yards in 2:03. St. Jean went for the extra two, but got nailed.

Comp needed to get some points on the board, which showed them only seconds on the first-half clock to get the job done. They elected to pass on second and 12. The half ended with a Scott Harlin pick (his second of the season).

The Colts received the second-half kick-off and could do nothing with it. Part of their problem had to do with some big-time pressure by Ferrentino and a sack on third and 12 by Graves and Aguinaga. Their efforts resulted in a Comp punt from its six and good field position for the Brownies at their own 48-yard line with 10:07 left in the third quarter.

Agawam again mixed up its offense. A 14-yard pass from St. Jean to Harlin (six carries, 106 yards, 1 TD) and 10 yards on two carries over land

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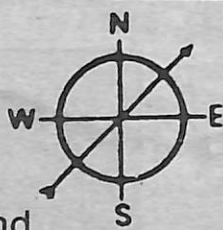
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FOOTBALL - from Page 43...

by Tony Liquori saw the Brownies with a second and eight at the Comp 14-yard line. Moore got the call. The two-time All-Western Mass. wrestler shows as tough on the gridiron as he does on the mat. He hit the left side hard and fast off good blocks by Aguinaga and Ferrentino. Next stop for the five foot, six inch, 135-pounder was 14 yards later in the left-hand corner of the Comp endzone for his second TD of the game and fifth of the season. A St. Jean kick made it 22-0 with 6:30 left in the third quarter.

To its credit and Wally Desautels' experience and ability, Comp was now a wounded animal ready to pounce. Despite the fact that Agawam was controlling both the offensive and defensive aspects of this battle, his son's words, in our interview with him earlier in the week, would ring true: "My dad always has some surprises in his game plan - big plays."

Those plays would come if Comp got the chance. In the fourth quarter, those chances came. Their defense hung tough and stopped Agawam on fourth and half-a-yard. Their ensuing possession with 8:37 left was stopped after two plays on a Dave Moore interception. But the Colts, behind their coach, didn't panic.

Comp Gets The Ball Back

Tad sent in some reserves and Comp got the ball back with 5:15 left on its own 15-yard line. They were looking at a fourth and 12 and Wally, who had seen so many similar situations in his 34 years of coaching, went for it. The 33-yard pass play worked to the Colts' 46.

The next play worked even better - a 54-yard TD pass from Couture to Jeremy Hartbarger to the

right sideline. The extra two points worked as well. Agawam would take the kick-off with a 22-8 lead.

Even that dog sniffing the fire hydrant just outside the north side of the endzone knew the Colts were going to attempt an on-side kick, which was recovered by Agawam's Edwin Torres, giving the locals a first and 10 at their own 36-yard line.

However, Comp, now pumped on defense, jammed up the Brownies, who decided to go for it on fourth and five at the Colts' 44. The visitors stuffed Moore after a yard gain and it was their ball at the 43.

Wally called for another pass on the first play from scrimmage, with just over a minute to go. Hartbarger, from the left side, cut to the middle. Harlin, playing both ways, was in man-to-man coverage, but slipped down. The Colt receiver, now deep and free, caught a sweet spiral in stride from Couture and scored on the 57-yard gem. There was 1:08 left on the clock. The two-point conversion didn't go.

Here the Colts were, in the Brownies' faces. "We waited for the opportunity. Our offensive line began to block. That was all we needed, just a look," Wally Desautels noted later on.

Another on-side kick was in order. This time one of the Brownies' skill players placed up front, Chris Tedone, fell on it at the Brownie 49. Now all Agawam had to do with the 22-14 lead was run the ball and run time off the clock. Moore got six. A pass was incomplete to stop the clock. The next play was a run. Moore got the call and fumbled. Comp's Dave Netkovick recovered it at its 48 with 42 seconds to go. It was a cool night, but Wally was turning up the heat under the noses of the Agawam faithful.

With its offensive line now in gear, Comp decided to pass the football. The first two were incomplete. Part of the reason had to do with some good coverage by Moore and St. Jean. The third throw was intercepted by Moore at the Agawam 23 with 21 seconds to go.

"I had man coverage and went up to help when I saw the ball wasn't going to my man," Moore said.

The Brownies fell on the ball to end it. Agawam went to 2-1, 1-0. Comp fell to 1-2, 0-1. Agawam has a date this Saturday afternoon at Minnechaug Regional.

AGAWAM STATS: RUSHING - Moore: 20-175-2, 2 TDs, 34, 14, Ing 3-4; St. Jean: 14-33; Liquori: 10-50; Michel: 4-7, Ing 5; Clark: 1-1.

PASSING - St. Jean: 8-17-120, 1 TD, Ing 36 (TD). **RECEIVING** - Harlin: 6-106, 1 TD, Ing 36 (TD); Hogan: 1-13; Conte: 1-1.

DEFENSE: INTERCEPTIONS - Harlin, St. Jean, Moore.

SACKS: Graves (1/2), Aguinaga (1/2).

SAFETY: Ferrentino, Graves (combined).

PASS BLOCK: Phil Sampson (1).

SPECIAL TEAMS: PUNT RETURNS - Harlin, 1; Moore, 11.

KICKOFFS: St. Jean - 50, 50, 51.

PUNTS: St. Jean - 36.

TOTAL YARDS:

AGAWAM: 266 RUSHING, 120 PASSING For 386 Yards.

COMP: 28 RUSHING, 166 PASSING For 194 Yards.

The freshmen lost, 12-8, to Comp. Their record now stands at 0-2.

Schoolboy Golf...

Brownies Lose A Frustrating Game, 9 1/2-8 1/2, To The Bombers Of Westfield

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Agawam varsity golf Coach Paul Bachini had one statement to explain his team's 9 1/2-8 1/2 loss to Westfield High this past Tuesday afternoon. "Everyone loses. But it's really frustrating when you give it away."

They played the Bombers at Shaker Farms Country Club. "You have to read the greens. It's the toughest thing to do in golf, even at the high school level," Bachini noted. He admitted his kids didn't do that.

Sophomore Bill Menard went out of the number one spot and shot a 44. His opponent, Bill Lewis, shot a 40 on the par 37 nine-hole layout. "Menard was not happy at all," Bachini said of his number one guy, who lost all three points.

Shawn Biebel was the number two shooter. The

senior came in with a 30 to take three points and even the match at three-all. He managed three bogies, a birdie, and five pars.

Junior Andy Green went off in the number three spot and came a cropper with a triple bogey on the first hole and went on to record a nine-over 46, losing all three points. "When two of your top guys, Menard and Green, shoot a combined 90, you are not going to win," the coach admitted.

Locals Need Four To Win

Ryan Morgan, out of the fourth spot, shot a 46. But his Bomber opponent fired a 50, so Morgan managed to pick up 2 1/2 points. The score stood at 6 1/2-5 1/2, Westfield. Agawam needed four points from their five and six kids to come away with a win.

Junior Kacy Progulske was the number five

golfer. He never really got started, according to Bachini, shooting a 48 after settling down on the last four holes. He managed to pick up a half-point.

Sophomore Adam D'Amario had the sixth spot and shot what the coach called a "respectful" 45. His effort gave Agawam another 2 1/2 points. But it wasn't enough.

"It's nice, though, to see the sixth kid win his match," Bachini smiled. Then he added, "Actually, it was a not a good day for gold on either side. They played poorly. We just happened to play a little worse."

Agawam, which needs at least 10 wins to make the tournament, is now 8-4.

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Junior Varsity Girls' Soccer...

Young Brownies Post Two Shutouts To Raise Their Record To 7-2

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Coach Lynda Kunasek's Agawam High junior varsity girls' soccer team soared to a 7-2 record this past week by posting a pair of shutouts - 4-0 over Wahconah Regional of Dalton and 4-0 over Springfield Central. At presstime, Kunasek's charges own five consecutive victories via the whitewash, and all seven wins this fall have come in this fashion.

On Wednesday, September 29th, up in Wahconah, the JV's faced an undefeated and unscored-on foe and played perhaps their best game of the season, especially in the second half.

After a scoreless opening 40 minutes where each team had chances to score, the Brownies totally dominated the second half by bottlenecking the hosts deep in their zone, resulting in four goals (all four were beauties).

Sophomore midfielder Jess Newalu accepted a perfect cross from sophomore striker Jill Lawson and headed-in the ball in spectacular fashion. A few minutes later, it was the Newalu-Lawson connection again, but this time, Lawson struck in a header from a Newalu cross for her second goal of the campaign.

Fifteen minutes later, junior stopper Keegan Clark launched a corner kick that freshman striker Kaitlin Sardella headed over to sophomore midfielder Kelly Cassidy, who struck a nice 20-yarder into the net off a bounding ball. The final Brownie tally came from freshman defender Danielle Cirillo. She took a pass from junior sweeper Lauren Kida 35 yards out, danced around two defenders, and then deked the stunned goalie for the easy tap-in.

Freshman goalie Vicky Taylor registered the shutout, and several Brownies played their best games of the season, including sophomore defender Lucy Young, freshman defender Tricia Fitchben, Kida on the backline, and Lawson up front.

Against Central on the Stadium Field on Tuesday, October 5th, the JV's were all over the Golden Eagles' JV's from start to finish.

Cassidy scored her fourth goal of the fall midway through the first half on a twisting 25-yarder that found the upper left-corner. That held to the intermission, although Central's goalie was under heavy pressure until the horn.

The second half saw the JV's salt away the win. Newalu scored her fifth of the year on a 35-yard bullet from the left wing that was simply too hot for the Central goalie to handle. Minutes later, sophomore midfielder Angelina Cortese tallied her first of the season, and Lawson got goal three

of the year on another nice header after receiving a fine cross from freshman midfielder Ellen Rannenberg, who played a strong game after just being called up from the freshman team. It was 4-0 and it was over.

Goalies Vicky Taylor and sophomore Biz Perry shared the whitewash. Freshman Danielle Cirillo, starting at stopper for the first time this season, was a monster of the midfield with her fancy footwork and aggressive play.

After the game, Kunasek told us, "We had a couple of kids out and Keegan Clark got called up to the varsity, so they had to pull together, which they did. Also, though I don't like to single out individuals, Angelina Cortese did a great job all game long."

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Girls' Varsity Soccer...

A 100% Effort By The Brownies Gives Them 3-1 Win Over Central

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

In what could very well have been their best game of the season, the Agawam High girls' soccer team dominated Springfield Central on the way to a 3-1 win. The Brownies started out in maximum overdrive and just kept jacking up their play throughout the contest.

Agawam's record rose to 3-5-1 and 1-0-1 in the Kurty Division.

With only 10 seconds off the clock, new striker Courtney Adamczyk (normally a defender) and midfielder Amanda Tilden rushed the Golden Eagles' net. Right behind them came midfielder Jill Gendron and Jenn Lyman (who had an outstanding game). They kept the ball in play and set up Agawam's first score, which was an all-hustle deal.

Tilden saw Adamczyk posting low in the left crease and gunned the ball to her. Adamczyk popped the ball into the high left corner with 4:47 gone for a 1-0 Brownie bulge. It was Adamczyk's first goal of the year. Tilden got the assist, her second of the fall.

Central had a good chance at the 29:00 mark when Amy Green managed to get behind the hustling Agawam defense. She had the whole goal to shoot at. But her wedge shot sailed harmlessly over the net. The Eagles would get one more huge chance when their flashy striker, Christina Huff, galloped behind the defense only to see her shot roll wide right of the Agawam goal from point-blank range.

Brownies Still In The Hustle Mode

Agawam, still in the hustle mode behind Lyman and some good work by midfielder Amy Jensen, was awarded a free kick with 18:44 off the clock. Stopper Kate Shannon sent it in; midfielder Diana DiStefano punched the ball home from 20 feet out on the right side, increasing the Agawam lead to 2-0.

Two minutes later, again on the attack, striker Amanda Merola had her sights set on another Brownie score. But her point-blank shot 15 feet out on the right side was snagged by Central keeper Nicki Kobjack in what was a clear case of thievery.

The Brownies didn't let up. With 11 minutes to go, Merola, Pam Gervais, midfielder Gina Loudfoot, along with defender Amanda Blair, buzzed the Eagles' goal. Sweeper Sheri Benton and defender Elise Alfano anchored the Agawam defense when it was necessary (which wasn't often). Benton made a nice clear as the clock

wound down to preserve the Agawam 2-0 margin. Agawam had six first-half shots on net. Central, forced to play defense most of the time, came in with one.

Eagles A Bit More Animated

The Golden Eagles came out a bit more animated to start the second 40 minutes and held the Brownies at bay. Their effort led to a score with 5:31 gone on a shot out of nowhere from the right wing by Huff, cutting the Brownies' lead to 2-1. Goalie Laura Bucalo made the first stop, but couldn't contain the rebound.

At the 31:16 mark, Central had a great opportunity to tie things up on a point-blank laser beam from the left point. Bucalo, displaying some good quickness and even better anticipation, made the save.

With 14:29 left, Agawam got a genuine scare. A Central shot appeared to go in and things appeared knotted at two-all. But the officials ruled that it hit the second crossbar on the goalposts and deflected in - thus, no goal.

Coach Laura Wray, as she has done in most of the Brownie wins, was substituting liberally all game long. The fresh legs had a lot to do with Agawam's high level of sustained play, both on offense and defense.

That defense was tested again with 9:40 to go. A Central drive down the middle had Benton and Blair working hard to clear away the threat. A shot did get off, however. But Bucalo was right there to make another tough save.

Bucalo was not through being tested. She came up with another gem at the 35:00 mark on a point-blank drive.

The defensive heroics spurred on the offense. Tilden lofted a 60-foot airball off an assist from Lyman over the keeper's head to give the Brownies a 3-1 lead with 1:45 to go as AHS had again taken the game over.

The win stopped a two-game losing streak for the Brownies. Last Wednesday, they lost a tough 3-1 game to Wahconah of Dalton in a game where they totally dominated the second half, but could not cash in on many glittering opportunities. "They played this game (Central) with 100 percent heart. Amanda (Tilden) and Laura (Bucalo) anchored us. They played some good, physical soccer, which is what we need to play," Wray smiled.

Agawam had three second-half shots on net for a game total of nine. Central recorded three and four for the game.

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Boys' Soccer Against Holyoke...

AHS Comes From Behind 3 Times To Earn 3-3 Tie Vs Purple Knights

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

With barely 24 hours' rest, the Agawam High boys' soccer team went back to the wars Friday afternoon, October 1st. This time, they had to deal with Holyoke High at Harmon Smith Field. The Purple Knights came in at 1-4-1 and looked ripe for the picking.

The final was a 3-3 tie that saw the Brownies come from behind not once, not twice, but three times to get that single point. "Three games in one week and that loss to Pioneer Valley didn't help us in this one," Agawam Coach Glenn Olson observed.

The game seemed to proceed in slow motion for much of the first half. If anyone had any edge, it was the visitors. Agawam finally got some offense going with 10:45 gone. Midfielder Barry Ward and striker Aaron Gilbert worked behind the Knight defense. Gilbert took a pass from the senior tri-captain, but couldn't quite control the ball. Had he done so, a Brownie score seemed a done deal. It was a bad outcome to a good effort.

Senior striker Brian Lopes lofted a crossing pass two minutes later that cried for someone to get a head on it. Unfortunately, no noggins were in the vicinity and another Agawam opportunity faded away. Ward, midfielder Wes Scott, and forward Josh Dickman attacked the Holyoke net immediately after Lopes' effort, but were driven off the ball. And Holyoke came back the other way. Only a good save by Agawam keeper John DeCaro with 14:40 gone stopped the hosts from going one down.

Mostly Midfield Play

Despite those offensive spurts, the game was being played mostly in the midfield. However, Holyoke, on one of its rare excursions into the Agawam zone, managed to strike paydirt on a 15-foot shot from the right side with 3:12 left in the half.

Down 1-0, Agawam mounted some offense of its own. The effort paid off with 1:07 to go as Gilbert, in the left half of the box, accepted a pass from midfielder Eric Serna and drove the ball 30 feet into the left corner of the Purple Knight goal. It was Gilbert's fifth goal of the season. Serna got the assist. Things stayed at one apiece until the horn sounded, ending the first 40 minutes.

Agawam had two shots on the Knights' net. Holyoke responded with four.

Agawam got Holyoke's pulse rate up a few beats early in the second half when Lopes broke behind the defense, took a pinpoint pass from Gilbert, and launched from 40 feet out in the right box. 'Shoot it here' was plastered all over the open left end of the Knights' net. However, the shot just missed by two feet.

Jack Pearson, Gilbert, Ward, Lopes, and Jim Evans tried to cash in on the early effort. They

swarmed the Holyoke goal and did not get exactly what they bargained for. The Brownie defense ventured a little too far upfield, affording the Knights an opportunity to get somewhat behind them on a counter-attack.

The result was a Holyoke score from short range at the 34:45 mark. And again, the Brownies were down 2-1.

Mighty Work By Agawam Offense

For the next 15 minutes the Agawam offense worked mightily to penetrate the opposition's zone. Among those leading the various charges were the usual guys - captains Ward, Pearson, and Matt Quirk along with Lopes, and a kid just back on the roster, senior Dan Marsili, who had been out for several games with a concussion.

Marsili would hustle for the time he was in there. Unfortunately, fate was waiting for him mere minutes down the road. (We'll explain in a bit.)

His hustle (along with the others) saw Agawam score with 18:29 to go. It started with Quirk dribbling and controlling the ball on the right side of the Holyoke box. Quirk popped a pass to Derek Mercadante, who was cutting down the middle. Mercadante, also one of Agawam's keepers, knocked the ball home to tie it at two. Quirk got the assist.

Misfortune struck the Brownies five minutes later. Marsili had the ball and was dribbling down the left wing. He made a quick move to his right and crumbled to the grass. He'd dislocated his left knee and on top of that, seemed to have broken his left femur. The trainer was there immediately.

The situation was quickly assessed and an ambulance was called. (It arrived in minutes.) They took Marsili away - his season pretty much over. "That will be a big loss for us. Dan always gives 100 percent," said Olson, shaking his head.

If that tough break was supposed to jump start the Agawam offense, it didn't. Holyoke attacked the Brownies, who seemed slightly shell-shocked. A shot low left in the box from 20 feet away with 6:47 left on the clock made it 3-2, Knights.

Again, it was time for the Brownies to suck it up and try to tie it up. They did a little more than that a minute later when junior fullback Jim Evans lofted a whiffle ball from 50 feet away over the head of Knight keeper Chris Rose, knotting things at three apiece. It would stay that way for the duration.

Agawam had four second-half shots on net for a total of six. Holyoke had three and seven in all. Agawam's record went to 2-4-1.

The JVs saw their unblemished record finally blemished, losing to the Holyoke JVs, 2-0. At that point, they stood at 5-1.

Boys' Soccer Versus Pioneer Valley...

Brownies Bow To The Visiting Panthers, 3-2

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Just because a school might be ranked in Division III doesn't mean they are smaller, not quite as fast or quick, or have any less desire than an opponent who might be in Division I.

After all, it's not the size of the dog in the fight; it's the size of the fight in the dog.

Agawam High's 3-2 loss last Thursday, September 30th to Pioneer Valley Regional at Harmon Smith Field proved the point. The Panthers came in at 7-0 and last year were a Western Mass. Division III finalist. The Brownies were coming off an encouraging 3-1 win over Central. They felt like the 'Force' might be with them.

That feeling soured seriously with 9½ minutes gone when Pioneer made it 1-0 with a blast into the upper left corner of the Agawam goal from 40 feet out.

Brownies Come Back In A Hurry

The Brownies came back in a hurry, like they'd been embarrassed by the goal. However, despite a major effort by midfielders Eric Serna and Barry Ward, and striker Brian Lopes, who had a semi-break on the left wing, the Panther defense, marking well, would not let them set up.

At the 24:10 mark, Agawam was still being frustrated by the visitors' 'D.' Then, just over the halfway mark, Ward, working the middle of the Pioneer box, spotted striker Aaron Gilbert cutting in on the left point. Ward, who can pass with the best of them, laid it on the junior midfielder's foot. Gilbert had the shot to the left corner of the enemy goal. His effort had some get-got on it, but sailed wide left by a yard.

The Brownies, who were being beaten to the ball, had to take advantage of any opportunity their own hustle might afford them. They got a good chance with 15 minutes left. Jack Pearson lofted a pass in front of the net. Ward anticipated just where it was headed and headed it towards the goalmouth from 30 feet away. If it was on, it was in. It wasn't.

There was just over nine minutes left in the half when Pioneer struck again. It was a goal off a left corner kick.

Now Agawam was looking into a two-zip tunnel. Pioneer was meeting the Agawam offense at mid-

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Profile...

Anthony Goodrow Leads By Example On The Boys' Cross Country Team

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

One of the main kids on the Agawam High boys' cross country team is Anthony Goodrow. Recently, the senior took some time out to talk about his days as a Brownie.

He is 17. His birthday was September 23rd. Anthony stands five feet, eight inches and weighs in at 125. All four years of his secondary education have been spent at AHS.

Currently, his first semester curriculum includes AP physics, AP English, AP calculus, AP chemistry, and gym. Anthony is a many-time member of the honor roll and a member of the National Honor Society. He is in the Renaissance Club and on the Math Team, as well as on the AHS "As Schools Match Wits" team that will face the TV-22 cameras later in the school year.

"We are going to go up against either West Springfield or Westfield. I'm not sure who we'll meet," he said.

Anthony says just about all his teachers are tops in his book, but Richard Joseph is close to being the best for him.

He plans to attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York when he graduates. He isn't quite clear on a major yet, but it looks like one of two; either bio-medical engineering or chemical engineering.

Anthony's sport at AHS is cross country. His most memorable moment is this: "We went up to Northfield Mountain for the cross country Western Mass. championships last year. There were so many kids. It was a tough and beautiful place to run."

He sees the 1999 season this way: "We are young. We are being educated in every meet. The



ANTHONY GOODROW

inexperience in this team now will translate into a contender in three years."

Anthony's favorite food is pasta with plain sauce.

Navy blue is his top hue.

If he could pull into the AHS parking lot in the car of his choice, it would be a 1999 VW Jetta.

His top team is the Minnesota Vikings. "I don't know why. I've just always liked them for years," he explained.

He likes to hang out in his room to relax. Just down the hall is a big-time computer, which also helps him to chill out. "I use it all the time," he said.

Anything from the Gap suits him in the apparel department.

The Dave Mathews Band plus pop are Anthony's favorites in the world of music.

"The X-Files" and "Ally McBeal" are tops on the tube. "The Matrix" and "Good Will Hunting" are his favorite flicks.

Lynn is his mom. Thomas is his dad. Tommy (10) is his brother. Alyssa (15), a freshman goalie and player on the JV field hockey team, is his sister.

When his days at AHS are done, Anthony would like to be remembered as a modest, quiet kid who tried hard.

Cross country Coach Bill Dillon had this to say about this week's featured athlete: "Anthony has been our number one boys' runner for two years. Not only is he a runner, but he is also an outstanding student. He is quiet and leads by example. Anthony is always trying to get better in cross country."

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field and turning things back into the Brownies' zone as time wore down. The half ended with a full-blown Pioneer assault on the Agawam goal. Only some inspired 'D,' led by Mike Thomas and Jim Evans saved the Brownies' bacon until the horn groaned out its baleful wail.

Agawam had four first-half shots on goal. Pioneer checked in with four, as well.

No one was surprised when Pioneer came out on offense to start the second 40 minutes. With three minutes gone, a screaming Pioneer shot, blinking goal in neon lights, streaked a foot over the Brownie crossbar. Maybe that screamer was the wake-up Agawam needed.

Thirty seconds later, Lopes, who knows only one speed - fast, drove the right wing and launched from 45 feet out. The ball, hooking off his right foot, hit the right post.

Pioneer goalie Jesse Kayan, had it been six inches to the left, would have never stood a chance. It deflected into the general area of the left crease. Waiting there and working on instinct as to where the ball will be, as he often does, was Ward. He pumped it into the right back corner of the Panther net for the score from 10 feet out, set up by Lopes' bid.

Looking For Another

Agawam, now on the board, wanted another

score up there. That came at the 27:59 mark. It involved two of the three Brownie captains. Ward hit Jack Pearson with a punt 50 feet out. Pearson sent a laser beam into the right corner to tie it up. It was Pearson's first goal of the season and Ward's second assist of the campaign.

Agawam, behind the adrenaline rush provided by working back to a two-all tie, started to initiate a more aggressive brand of soccer, forcing the visitors to play bootball. While bootball is not the classic way to play offense, it can have its moments.

With 11:29 left, Pioneer scored on a 10-foot header after they'd booted it into the Agawam zone and behind the defense. Things wound end 3-2, Pioneer.

Brownie Coach Glenn Olson, after seeing his team come back from two goals down, admitted it was a tough one to lose. The game would influence what might have been a good Agawam effort in their next game against Holyoke.

Agawam, which went to 2-4, had four second-half shots on the Panthers' goal for a game total of eight. Pioneer, climbing to 8-0, managed five for a total of nine.

The Agawam JVs beat the PVR youngsters, 5-1. Scoring for Agawam were Matt Ligenza (2), Vinnie Tirone, Adam Rovithis, and Jamie DeIpeschio. The Brownies' JVs went to 5-0 after that one.

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Profile...

Sarah Prussman Shines For AHS Field Hockey

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Perhaps the best defender on the Agawam High field hockey team is Sarah Prussman. Recently the senior took some time out to talk about her days at AHS.

Sarah is 17. Her birthday falls on March 10th. She has spent all four years of her secondary education at the High School.

Currently, she is taking AP biology, sociology, English 12, psychology, and child development. Sarah is a three-year member of the Renaissance Club and a many-time member of the honor roll. Psychology is her favorite subject. Joseph Fitzgerald is her top teacher.

Sarah would like to attend Westfield State College next year with a major in elementary education. While there she also hopes to play field hockey.

Sarah plays field hockey in the fall and lacrosse in the spring. Field hockey is her favorite. "It's fun and I really enjoy being a sweeper," she smiled. Her top sports moment came last year in the final regular league field hockey game against Westfield High. "It was zero-all. With seconds left, I made a save in front of our net that enabled the game to end up that way," she noted.

So far, it has not been the best of seasons for the 0-5-2 team. "I think we'll get better. Eventually we'll connect," she said.

Plain pizza is Sarah's favorite food.

Purple is her color.

A Dodge Neon is her choice for wheels.

Her favorite hangout is her house. "My friends come over and we have a really good time," she laughed.

Casual is the way she dresses - in jeans and t-shirts from Old Navy.

Sarah McLachlan is her favorite musical artist. MTV is tops on the tube. "That's about all I watch," she noted.

Judy is her mom. Sean is her stepdad. She has two brothers; Dave (15) is a freshman at the High School and Thomas, an eight year-old elementary student.

She says Andrea Nolan is the person she looks up to the most. Andrea was a former field hockey goalie and softball player at Agawam High. She is currently a junior at Westfield State.

When her days as a Brownie are done, Sarah says she wants to be remembered as a friend and someone you could talk to.

Field hockey Coach Carla Lemnah-Warner had this to say about her senior sweeper: "Sarah was good enough to make the JVs as a freshman. Then she came up to the varsity as a sophomore because of her potential. Sarah is very coachable and very consistent with her excellent play. She is a talented sweeper with excellent timing."



SARAH PRUSSMAN

Agawam "Twisters" Face Wilbraham, AJAC, And Ware

The girls' Under-11 Agawam Twisters of the Pioneer Valley Soccer League played a game at home October 4th against Wilbraham and battled to a 2-2 tie. Cassie Ashwell and Stephanie Obue scored the two Twisters' goals.

Last week, the Twisters put on an awesome offensive display against their two opponents. In the September 28th home game against AJAC, the Twisters came away with an impressive 7-0 win. Megan Lalli and Christina Bertrand each scored two for the Twisters, with Stephanie Obue, Cassie Ashwell, and Lisa Carney each adding one apiece. Kaitlin Outhuse, Christina Bertrand, Cassie Ashwell, Natalie Honsinger, and Sarah Roos all provided fine assists.

On October 2nd, the Twisters continued their attack, breezing to a 9-0 victory against Ware at the Smith & Wesson fields in Springfield. Seven of the Twisters scored goals, with Christina Bertrand and Cassie Ashwell leading all scorers with two apiece.

Erin Theriault, Stephanie Obue, Kaitlin Outhuse, Natalie Honsinger, and Laura Lyons each added goals in the convincing Twisters' win. Goal assists were provided by Erin Theriault, Stephanie Obue, Sara Wilson, and Megan Lalli.

The Twisters' defense, including Brittany DeGray, Christina Bertrand, and Brittany Margiotta in goal, did a great job of holding Ware to only two shots on goal.

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The Agawam Pee Wee Warriors' Orange Squad defeated the Wilbraham Falcons by a score of 30-0 to advance their record to 3-0!

The Warrior offense got it going on a 14-yard TD run by fullback Colin Hensel (no. 16). Next, offensive series tailback Jake Ferretti (no. 37) scored on a 50-yard TD run. Lineman Charles Barbaris (no. 71) led the way to the end zone.

The great blocking up front by the Warrior line opened up tremendous holes for the backs to run through. Blake Dutilly scored two TDs on offense with runs of 28 and 20 yards; on the next two offensive series that the Warriors had the ball, then on defense at the end of the game.

Blake intercepted a Falcon pass and ran it back 65 yards for the score, ending the game.

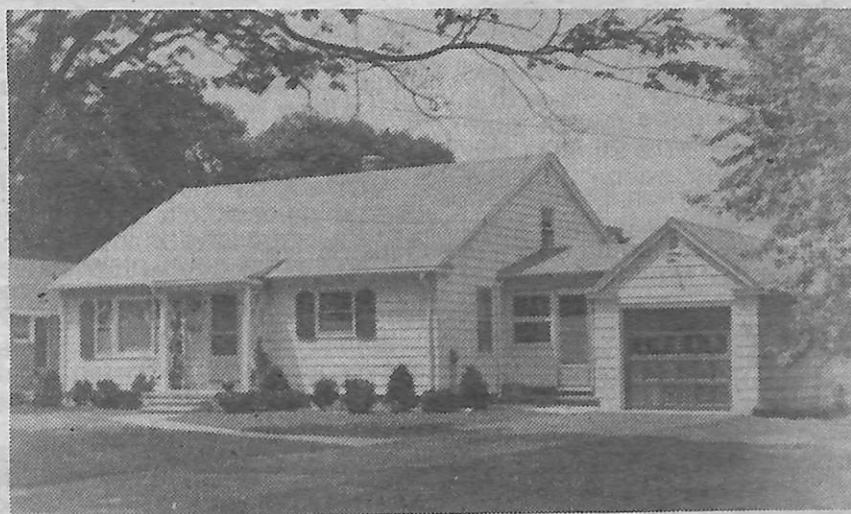
The outstanding hard play by everyone on the Warriors' team resulted in another win!

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The Blizzard Burries Pioneer Valley Soccer

No, this is not a weather report. The Blizzard is Agawam's newest entry in the girls' U-11 Pioneer Valley Soccer League.

After forming last spring under the direction of Head Coach Kevin Pfau and assistants Bill Brewster and Steve Maloney, this upstart band of soccer girls has amassed an impressive 11-3-6 record over the last seven months. In the 1999 fall PVJSL season, the Blizzard is 5-1-3 and undefeated in their last six games.

This group of never-say-"quit" ladies always seems to play a little laid-back at the beginning, letting the opponent score first (they're so polite!) before unleashing the storm. In their most recent heart-stopper, the Blizzard came from behind to tie a previously unbeaten and untied Cold Springs of Belchertown.

The Agawam Blizzards are:

Alyson Brewster: One of our formidable fullbacks, not afraid to get in there and bump with the best or biggest of them. Comes up with a big clearing kick when needed the most.

Amy Delude: Owns the midfield like Pedro Martinez owns home plate. Amy converted two penalty kicks in an important tie with Cold Springs of Belchertown. If our team doesn't have the ball, she'll steal it for us.

Jennie Deglis: Another Blizzard midfielder who saves her best shots for when it counts. Jennie scored on a blast from 20 yards out, providing a 3-1 cushion in a victory over Palmer.

Justine Kedzior: We don't have to worry about Justine when she's in her familiar fullback position. She has that uncanny soccer sense of knowing just when to challenge the opponent and steal the ball away. She runs and runs and runs and never gets tired.

Carly Keely: Carly plays everywhere. Fullback, halfback, even goalie. Carly patrolled the goalline in the second half versus Ludlow on September 19th, allowing no goals on the way to a 4-1 Blizzard victory. She also scored the winning goal on September 25th versus Palmer.

Samantha Lisee: Samantha scored two goals on August 29th against East Longmeadow, helping the Blizzards to a 3-3 tie. She likes playing against East Longmeadow so much she scored on them again at Smith & Wesson field on October 2nd.

Sarah Long: Sweeper is Sarah's position. She'll let you know it, too! Sarah takes on both the ball and the player at the same time. We can count on Sarah's clearing kicks to get us out of trouble. She

seldom comes out for a break, preferring to stay in and protect the goalie.

Lauren Maloney: Lauren scored what proved to be the winning goal in a 5-1 victory in the fall season-opener against Hamden. Lauren plays halfback and forward for the Blizzard. Lauren prefers to run through the opposition rather than around them. Check the bruises!

Jocelyn Mason: When Jocelyn is on defense, our goalies can breathe easy. Her style can only be described as "tenacious." Maybe that's why we call her "Jaws." Not afraid to bump around, either.

Molly Nowill: Molly scored the winning goal on September 26th versus Hamden. She likes to kick them high into the net, over the head of the goalie. Molly has a goal or an assist in six of the Blizzard's nine games so far this fall.

Lindsey Pfau: Lindsey may be lacking size, but she makes up for it with speed and ball-handling. As the resident right-winger for the Blizzard, she routinely flies by the defenders on her way to the goal. Lindsey scored the tying goal against East Longmeadow on August 29th.

Michelle Santos: Michelle is busy alternating her time between goalie, halfback, forward, and karate. An excellent ball-handler, she got the Blizzards on the scoreboard early in an October 3rd game versus Cold Springs of Belchertown.

Lisa Truchelli: Versatile at halfback and forward, Lisa played her center forward position well and tipped in a pass from the right-winger for a goal in the Blizzards' 4-1 victory over Ludlow. She's also known to be quite the stingy goaltender. Not much gets by Lisa.

Kelsey Wood: In her first season with the Blizzard, Kelsey patrols the halfback spot, keeping the ball in the attacking zone. Kelsey will go after the ball anywhere and, like her teammates, she's not afraid to "lean" on someone when necessary.

Sara Wood: Sara probably has the worst luck of anyone on the team. She's had numerous great shots, but the opposing goalie seems to get there just in time. Her speed and good left foot are assets to the team. Keep shooting!

These girls are a pleasure to watch. Their spirit and enthusiasm can easily be felt when watching them play.

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U-14 COED	W	L	T	P
Icebreakers	5	0	0	15
Blue Blizzards	2	1	1	7
Green Lightning	2	2	1	7
Orange Crush	1	3	2	5
Red Devils	1	3	1	4
Heneghan 04	0	3	1	1

U-12 GIRLS	W	L	T	P
Blue Lightning	5	0	0	15
Kick'n Kangaroos	3	2	0	9
Green Angels	2	2	0	6
Gould 04	2	3	0	6
Mutti 03	0	5	0	0

U-12 BOYS	W	L	T	P
Green Gremlins	5	0	0	15
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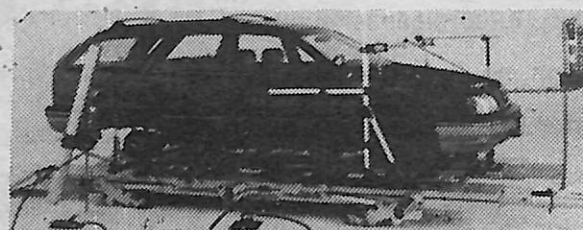
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Antlerless Deer Permits Draw...

The lottery for antlerless deer permits (or doe permits, as they are commonly known) has taken place. Lucky hunters who qualified will find the listing below of the lucky numbers and the corresponding zones.

As for myself, I will only be looking for that trophy buck with a huge spread of antlers (translation — I did not get lucky with a doe permit). It seems that in all of the years that I did not score a buck, I saw plenty of large doe.

The only time that I had the luck of the draw on my side, and won a doe permit, is the only year that I did not see a deer at all. To make matters worse, I hunted hard every day of the season that year.

I will, therefore, take my lack of a doe permit as a sign of good fortune and will concentrate on a bragging size pair of antlers.

The following is a list of the winning combinations for the upcoming Massachusetts deer season this year as provided by the Division.

Winning Antlerless Permit Numbers and Allocations by Deer Management Zone are as follows:

DMZ 1: allocation, 1,750; license numbers, all winners.

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DMZ 4N: allocation, 375; license numbers, 5 and 7; partial number, 3 partial (58 of 168 selected).

DMZ 4S: allocation, 800; license numbers, 0, 5, 6, and 8; partial number, 7 partial (122 of 168 selected).

DMZ 5: allocation, 2,050; license numbers, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 9; partial number, 1 partial (296 of 326 selected).

DMZ 6: allocation, 850; license numbers, 0, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, and 9; partial number, 6 partial (41 of 132 selected).

DMZ 7: allocation, 3,400; license numbers, all winners.

DMZ 8: allocation, 5,300; license numbers, all winners.

DMZ 9: allocation, 6,800; license numbers, all winners.

DMZ 10: allocation, no limit; license numbers, all winners.

DMZ 11: allocation, 5,450; license numbers, all winners.

DMZ 12: allocation, 2,000; license numbers, all winners.

DMZ 13: allocation, no limit; license numbers, all winners.

DMZ 14: allocation, no limit; license numbers, all winners.

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Just a reminder for some of our last-minute friends. It's time to make sure you have your valid hunting license and necessary permits. The season on upland game opens soon. You must have a previous year's hunting license to get your new one. That is to prove that you do not have to take a hunter education course first.

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The Poor Door...

You can get a quick fix on the importance of hitting through the ball by trying this exercise in front of a door. A word of warning, however: don't use a glass door.

Stand at arm's length from the door, facing it. Reach out and gently punch the door. It's likely that you're not getting enough strength into the punch to make the door move.

Now, beginning from the same place, punch the door again — but this time step forward with your left foot as you punch. Do you notice how much more powerful your punch has become?

The lesson is this: a golf shot hit with the hands and arms only will not travel far at all. But a shot hit with the lower body leading the swing will fly powerfully and far.

This issue's golf tip concludes my weekly series for 1999.

My special thanks to Ric Sardella for allowing me space in his paper each week for my golf tip. I hope that my tips this season had a positive effect on *The AAN* readers' golf games.

I look forward to coming to all *The AAN* readers once again with my golf tips in 2000. As always, the summer months flew right by us. October and November will have their share of good golf days, so keep swinging until the snow flies.

Enjoy the remainder of 1999. See you in the spring.

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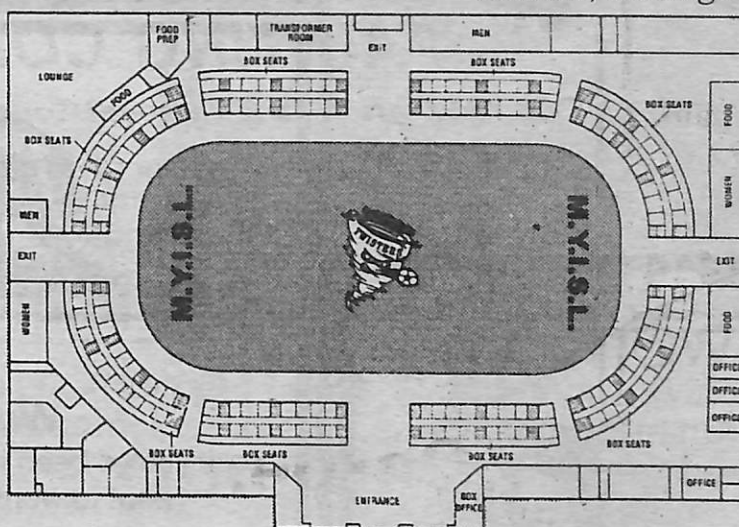
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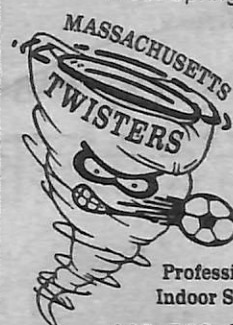
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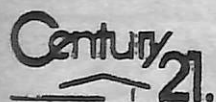
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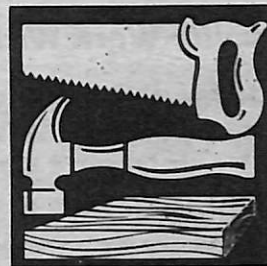
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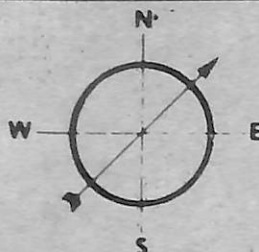
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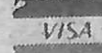
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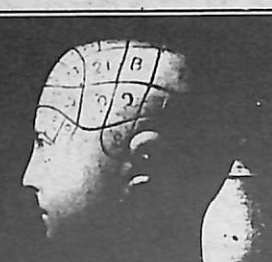
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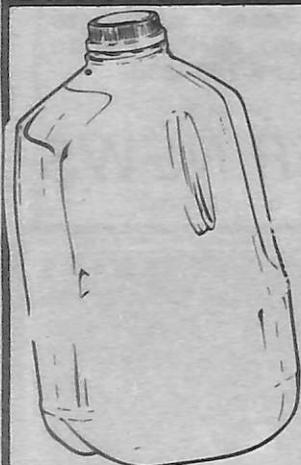
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